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REDS TAKE OVER LADRONES

Nationalist warships withdraw from islands

PEARL RIVER BLOCKADE ENDED

Chinese Communist forces have taken over control of the entire island group of the Ladrones and Nationalist warships which were still shelling the islands at 1 a.m. yesterday were withdrawn yesterday morning, according to latest information.

Latest arrivals from that area reported that when they passed the region shortly after noon yesterday, all was quiet and not a single Nationalist warship was in sight.

A Chinese report said that Nationalist irregular forces on Lap Sap Mei Island numbering more than 1,000 have been withdrawn to Outer Lingting Island, further South of Lap Sap Mei, where large quantities of arms and ammunition were being loaded on several Nationalist destroyers and mine-sweepers, and a few dozen motor-junks.

It is believed here that all the Nationalist land and naval forces would be withdrawn to Taiwan within a day or so, the same report added.

Ships plying between Hoar Kong and Macao continued t take the longer course via Kap Shui Mun yesterday, pending official announcement that the battle for the Ladrones is definitely over.

They are expected to resume early next week the origina route South of Lantao Islan which would save them half an hour's cruise.

The withdrawl of Nationalist warships from the Ladrones and Lap Sap Mei areas followed a Taipeh claim on Friday that a second Communist landing attempt on the Ladrones was repulsed on Thursday after th Nationalists had annihilated 4,000 of the invaders.

The conclusion of the Ladroner battle ended the months long blockade against the Pearl River estuary by the Nationalists whose naval forces have intercepted and detained many foreign and Chinese vessels plying the area.

The decisive battle for the strategic islands began in the early morning last Thursday when an amphibious Communist force formed by a few converted warships and 200 wooden craft were intercepted off Macao and near Lap Sap Mei by Nationalist warships.

The invaders, however, soon occupied the main island of the Ladrones group, Poklik Island, and three other smaller islands.

In spite of almost incessant pounding by Nationalist naval guns, the Communists gradually expanded their control to all the other islands of the Ladrones group.

Chiang takes the blame

President Chiang Kai-shek on Friday took full blame for the loss of the mainland, which he described as "the greatest debacle in the history of China," adds an Associated Press report from Taipeh.

He did so at a reception he gave for members of the National Assembly at present in Taiwan.

"By your votes," he said, "I was elected President of China.

"Now with the mainland lost and our republic in danger of extinction, I cannot evade my responsibility both to you and the people of China."

Chiang said he and other Nationalist leaders had learned much from their past mistakes.

For one thing, they had become realistic and no longer promised things they could not fulfil. (This was an indirect reference to Chiang's May 15 statement that the Nationalists would launch a counter-offensive on the mainland within two years and sweep the Reds out within three.)

Chiang's avowed confidence in the future is apparently far from common.

Rush for exit permits

Since the Nationalists withdrew from the Chusans—they completed the process the day Chiang talked of returning to the mainland—hundreds upon hundreds of persons have been trying to get exit permits to visit Hong Kong and Macao. Among them were scores of members of the Legislative Yuan, Nationalist China's Parliament.

Business or desire to visit relatives has been the most general excuse for these intended trips.

The authorities, however, realise that the reasons in practically all cases are only pretexts for escaping from war danger in Taiwan.

The provincial government took steps to discourage this tendency or at least to profit by it.

Under measures effective from today, any businessman who leaves must provide a guarantee of Taiwan $10,500 (currently US$875) that he will return within two months. If he does not, the money will be forfeited for the purchase of liberty bonds.

Any non-businessman has to make a cash deposit of the same amount, which also is confiscated for the purchase of the same bonds if he does not return within 30 days.

European killed in cycle crash

Mr. F. Eastman, 17-year-old son of Mr. A. L. G. Eastman of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was killed in a motorcycle accident at Clear Water Bay Road yesterday afternoon, at about 5.30 p.m.

He was riding on the pillion behind Mr. P. Thompson, a 20-year-old apprentice engineer, who was taken to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from serious injuries.

The accident occurred when the cycle was rounding a bend. It crashed into the embankment.

Commandos leave HK for Malaya

More than 1,000 British troops left Hong Kong yesterday for Malaya to take an active part in the anti-bandit campaign in that country.

The troops, which had formerly been part of the Hong Kong garrison, constitute a permanent reduction in the standing strength of the Colony's defence force.

Though comprising mainly units of the 45 Commando Brigade there were also units of RASC and RAMC aboard the troopship, ss Empire Trooper. These troops, however, are due for leave.

They boarded at North Point wharf yesterday morning. The ship was due to leave Hong Kong late last night.

All the troops have undergone many months of intensive training in Hong Kong, and were reported to be in the best of spirits and condition.

They are following another group of troops which left Hong Kong several weeks ago. They are the 26th Gurkha Brigade, which is due to relieve its parent division in Malaya from active combat.

An Army spokesman pointed out, however, that the 26th Gurkha Brigade's parent division was not being withdrawn from Malaya, but rather was merely retiring from combat for rest camp for some time.

The spokesman has added that troops sent to Malaya, though constituting a permanent reduction to Hong Kong's regular garrison, could easily be transferred within a very short time back to Hong Kong should they be needed.

SUNKEN WARSHIPS RETURNED TO JAPS

Tokyo, May 27.

General MacArthur's headquarters has returned to the Japanese Government 46 former Japanese warships, including the battleship Mutsu, the Jiji news agency reported today, quoting a Transport Ministry source. All the vessels were sunk during the war and are at present grounded in Japanese waters.—Reuter.

HAND-GRENADE IN QUEEN'S ROAD

According to an unconfirmed report, an unexploded hand-grenade was found in Queen's Road East, near the Ruttonjee Sanatorium, yesterday afternoon.

The police, in reply to enquiries, said they had no knowledge of the matter.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) the depression over S Japan is now stationary and has begun to weaken. Its associated trough stretches SW'wards to S Formosa, thence Westwards across S China to a depression over Tonking. Slight pressure gradients persist over the China Sea.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate SW winds freshening in afternoon, isolated thundery showers in early morning otherwise fair, continuing warm and humid.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 88.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 79.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 4.5 hours.
Rainfall: 0.3 mm.=0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—877.6 mm.=34.54 ins. as against an average of 1132.4 mm.=44.60 ins.

Readings at

	10 a.m.	Noon
Pressure	1012.7	1012.1 mb.
Temperature	87.8	89.2 deg. F.
Humidity	77	74 %
Dew Point	77	78 deg. F.
Wind Direction	SW	SW
Wind Speed	9	10 knots

Restrictions on Chinese entry opposed

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to the Colonial Secretary yesterday asking Government to lift the present restrictions on the free movement of Chinese nationals into the Colony.

This action on the part of the Chamber is the result of representations received from merchants complaining about the loss of trade as a result of the restrictions.

The Chamber pointed out in their representation to Government that according to latest figures more people are leaving the Colony than coming in, so the argument that the restrictions are designed to keep out further refugees is not tenable.

Britons storm petrol pumps

London, May 27.

Britons stormed the petrol pumps today—the first day off the ration for more than 10 years. Many went to bed early last night and set alarm clocks to wake them in the early hours so they could be first in the queue.

Petrol station attendants, accustomed to an all-night lull, were overwhelmed, and tankers rushed emergency supplies to some garages.

"No Petrol" signs went up quickly at some garages with small stocks. But early today there was no indication of a general "buying up" though many stations reported they would have to close down over the week-end unless the oil companies sent extra supplies.

As thousands of motorists made last-minute plans for their first post-war "go as you please" Whitsun Holiday week-end, garages reported they were selling thousands more gallons of petrol than normally.—Reuter.

Tearful terrorist fails to impress Ministers

Malacca, May 27.

A 19-year-old surrendered terrorist, who claimed he is half English, burst into tears in front of Britain's War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, when they visited the Negri Sembilan police headquarters at Seremban today, Lionel Hudson, AAP-Reuter correspondent with the Ministerial convoy, reported.

The Ministers chatted with other former guerillas but did not speak to the weeping youth, who was a gang leader before he gave himself up.

Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Strachey became "operational" today.

Travelling in a convoy, their cars sandwiched between two armoured cars and five scout cars manned by guards, they sped through several danger areas on their way to Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Malacca.

Jungle squads were dispersed off the road at likely ambush points and the route was swept by security forces ahead of the convoy.

The official cars were covered by twin machine-guns, which swung menacingly in the direction of the jungle.

Sixteen miles South of Kuala Lumpur, the Ministers had pointed out to them territory where the notorious Keling gang has been operating since the beginning of the emergency.

They were told that this gang is still very active although 70 of its members are known to have been killed and hundreds of its supporters and food suppliers arrested.

The police have a theory that the gang is being reinforced from a Communist training camp in the jungle.

A cheerful hour was spent at a resettlement camp near Seremban, where 800 Chinese squatters have been housed away from the danger areas.

Near the Malacca border, the Ministers were greeted by a force of 440 Malay village guards, most of them armed with shotguns.

Speaking through an interpreter, Mr. Strachey said that he would tell the people of Great Britain when he returned that the fact they were there with guns in their hands provided by the Government and that the fact they were using them on the side of the Government in the struggle against lawlessness was proof that the Malay people were with us in this struggle.

"The British Army will help you and support you to any extent it is necessary," he added.

Turning to AAP-Reuter's correspondent, Mr. Strachey said: "This is the most heartening symptom I have seen in Malaya."—Reuter.

Burmese Red leaders seek Mao's support

Rangoon, May 27.

Two high-ranking Burmese Communists have gone to China "to try and interest Mao Tse-tung's Government in the cause of Burma's Communist Party," according to a Press report from Pegu, received here today.

The report said the two emissaries were Thakin Tin Pe, founder-member, with his cousin Thakin Than Tun, of the Burma Communist Party, and Doh Aung By.—Reuter.

British troops may leave Egypt

Cairo, May 27.

Britain has accepted an Egyptian proposal to evacuate British troops from Egypt provided a military alliance is concluded between the two countries, sources close to the Egyptian Wafdist Government said today.

The sources said the proposal was noted in the British reply to the recent Egyptian note on Anglo-Egyptian relations. These sources believed a memorandum was about to be sent to the British Government saying that the Egyptian army with the weapons it has or which it intends to purchase will be able to defend Egyptian territory.

The memorandum, which was prepared at a "shadow Cabinet" meeting last night, besides insisting on evacuation, demands the unity of the Nile Valley under the Egyptian Crown.

There was a widely shared belief in Cairo today that if the present contacts between Egypt and Britain were successful, Anglo-Egyptian negotiations for a new treaty may start soon after the arrival next month of Britain's new ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson.

The newspaper here said that Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, will visit Egypt next month to explain to Egyptian political and military chiefs the international military situation and to hold defence talks.—Reuter.

Nationalists to release ss. Chongya

Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy in Taipeh, has replied to the China-Burma Shipping Company here by cable that its 3,578-ton vessel, the Chongya, and three Britons and some 40 Chinese crew members aboard would be released after he has ascertained that the vessel is really owned by overseas Chinese and that the cargo is not intended for the Communists, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

Admiral Kwei confirmed that the vessel and its crew are at present detained in a Taiwan port by the Nationalists.

The three Britons aboard are Captain W. H. Fenwick, the Master, Mr. E.E. Rivers, the Chief Officer, and Mr. I.D. Booth, the Chief Engineer.

The Chongya, flying the Chinese Nationalist flag, was intercepted and seized in International waters off the Ladrones Islands by a Nationalist warship on April 24 while she was on route from Bangkok to Macao carrying 2,500 tons of rice on board.

Captain Fenwick and his crew were detained and held incommunicado since then.

The China-Burma Shipping Company here sent three cables to Admiral Kwei asking for the release of the ship and its crew.

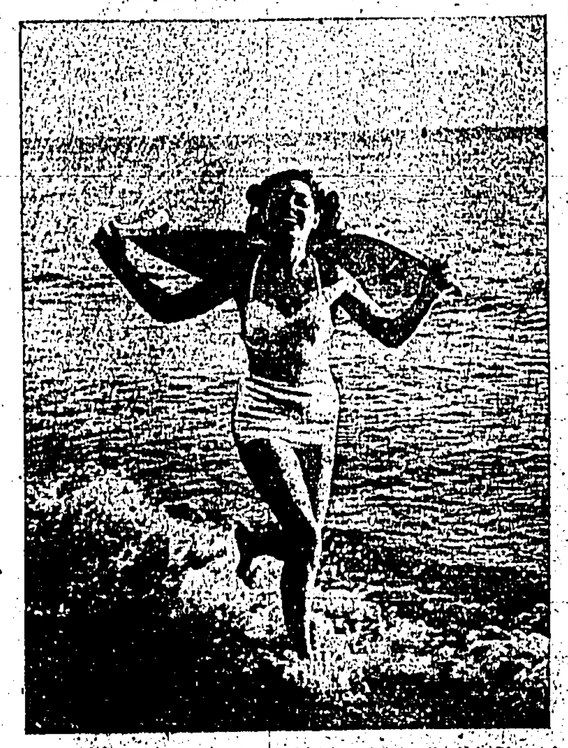
RITA DENIES

London May 27.

The best source spiked the report today that Rita Hayworth is expecting another baby.

The actress herself paused in the lobby of Rita Hotel, glanced at her top-hatted husband on critic we, and said: "No—it's not true. I am not expecting."—United Press.

Rugged but nice



Enthusiastic young lady ankle deep in the English Channel is the Australian film actress Wendy Gibb. Wendy's latest vehicle is an epic entitled "The Rugged O'Riordans."

Cultural, social problems discussed at Baguio meeting

Baguio, May 27.

A broad outline of common cultural and social problems was discussed today by one sub-committee of the seven-nation conference of South East Asian and West Pacific nations, the conference President, General Carlos Romulo said.

General Romulo told a Press conference that the cultural and social sub-committee considered these questions: literacy, international study centres and cultural institutions, public libraries, translation of classics, social legislation, public health and nutrition, exchange of books, periodicals and documentary films, exchange of information on education and research fields, art exhibitions, radio broadcasts, exchange of teachers, technicians and students, international conferences and closer relationships with United Nations specialised agencies and organisations.

Details of the discussions were not disclosed, General Romulo said the cultural and social sub-committee will meet tonight to draft resolutions it will present to the committee of the conference. He said the economic sub-committee was not ready to make its reports.

It could not be decided until the sub-committees had completed their work whether a political sub-committee will be named.

"In the light of the decisions reached by the two sub-committees we will decide if we will have a political committee," General Romulo said.

Regional group

Asked whether the Philippines proposal for a Permanent Regional Organisation would be set aside if a political committee to discuss this plan was not formed, General Romulo said "the Philippines may not press for it." He stressed, however, that it did not mean the Philippines proposals would be bypassed if the political committee were not formed.

"We have other steps in mind," he added. "Let's wait until we meet that bridge."

General Romulo said he did not think there was any conflict between the action being taken at the Baguio conference and the recent decisions reached among Commonwealth nations at Sydney on economic aid and technical assistance for South East Asian countries.

In a radio address tonight giving the first progress report on the conference, General Romulo said.

"It is natural that various delegations should have different ideas on the degree and methods of co-operation required for the solution of these problems. They have had to measure each other's capacity and readiness for action. But whatever the nature and scope of the methods that will finally be decided, I think it may be said at this stage that a heartening start had been made here in Baguio on the road towards a better day in Asia."—Associated Press.

LATE SPORTS

The French horse Galcador won the Derby yesterday beating the favourite Prince Simon by a head. Double Eclipse ran third. (See page 24).

An Associated Press despatch reports that Frank Stranahan, the American golfer, won the British Amateur Golf Championship at St. Andrew's, defeating his fellow-countryman Dick Chapman 8 and 6.

Allies on the alert in Berlin

Berlin, May 27.

Nearly 25,000 American, British and French police and troops were standing by in West Berlin today as an army of half a million blue shirted young German Communists completed last minute preparations for a giant "peace" march-past tomorrow.

A "war room" was being set up in East Berlin today to keep the Western commandants in close touch with developments in the East Berlin "peace" rally. It would also co-ordinate the expected constant stream of reports from the sector boundaries.

All American troops in Berlin were placed in "a state of readiness" at 06.40 hours this morning, United States military headquarters announced. The troops will be confined to barracks until further notice.

Demonstrating starts

Wearing their cornflower blue shirts, thousands of young Communists—members of the "Free German Youth"—started demonstrating this morning with a march to a new sports stadium, largely built by youth volunteers during the past three months.

But at 9 a.m. (local time) combined headquarters reported "all quiet" apart from one case of alleged kidnapping.—Reuter.

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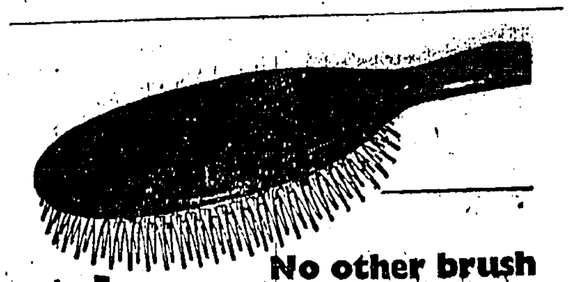

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"SPITTING SPREADS T. B."

Sir,—It is indeed more than a mere nuisance to see the public spitting near the iron railing drains. "Spitting Spreads Tuberculosis" is now almost the talk of the town, yet the campaign is not fully effective. When the sputum dries up, the germs get into the air and cause infection. Greater measures than the posting of warning slogans are necessary. One of them might be the placing of zinc or wooden tubes containing water at vantage points. In any case I fervently hope the authorities will take this matter into serious consideration so as to stamp out this public menace.

Your faithfully,
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Peking to decide on KCR service

Resumption of through train service between Hong Kong and Canton now depends on Peking's decision, said the afternoon vernacular "Sing Tao Man Po" yesterday.

Quoting reliable sources, the newspaper said that the minutes of the recent talks between British and Chinese representatives of the Kowloon-Canton Railway have been forwarded to Peking for final decision.

It added that the Canton authorities wanted to make the decision as they regarded the Canton-Kowloon line a provincial matter that can be settled by local departmental agreement.

They were, however, opposed by representatives of the Peking Foreign Ministry who participated in the talks at Canton last Monday and Tuesday. They ruled that national policy was involved and the matter must be referred to Peking.

The report said that the main subjects discussed at the meetings were the percentage of gross income to be allocated to either side and the handover of former Nationalist rolling stock and other railway equipment.

JUNK MASTER FINED

On a charge of cruelty to animals, Lam Kwan, master of junk 1213H of 24 Connaught Road, West was fined $50 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem told the Court that on Friday when the police boarded defendant's junk at the Quarantine Anchorage they found 504 live pigs in crates and stacked from three to five crates high. There was no alleyway in which the animals could be fed or given water.

Mr. Orem added that there was no casualty among the pigs and that it was among the first cargo to have entered the Colony from Canton since the interruption of sea communications between Hong Kong and Canton.

TORCH SINGER ARRIVING

A well-known American torch singer, Dotte, and her Piano, is due to arrive in Hong Kong today by the ss. President Cleveland.

She will perform at the Luna Park's Skyroom at which she has been contracted for an extensive season.

Long Service Medal

The Commissioner of Police pinning the Long Service Medal on Chief Inspector W. N. Darkin at the presentation ceremony at Central Police Compound.—("China Mail" photo).

St. Stephen's Church Hall formally opened

St. Stephen's Church Hall on Bonham Road, just above St. Stephen's Church, was formally opened yesterday in the presence of about 500 members of the congregation.

The dedication ceremony was conducted by Bishop Hall.

Among the large number of the clergy present was Bishop Y. Y. Chu from Kunming who exhorted the congregation on the vital importance of spreading the Christian faith.

It was not enough just to build a hall and then become satisfied with oneself. The building itself had no life, no matter how magnificent it was. It was the Christian spirit, the spirit of service to God and to mankind, that counts, and it was for the congregation to strive towards that end.

In Shensi, said Bishop Chu, they had a chapel in a cave, which he believed was the only one of its kind in China. That, however, did not deflect them from propagating the Christian faith to the people.

Cost of Hall

In a report given by Dr. W. K. Fok, Chairman of the Church Building Committee, it was revealed that building of the Church Hall had cost more than $150,000.

Originally it had been intended to rebuild St. Stephen's Church. Plans were upset by the outbreak of World War II. After the war, the cost of building had risen out of all proportion, and with only about $250,000 raised from subscriptions as against $500,000 required for the rebuilding, it was decided to repair and renovate the church building first and spend the rest of the money on building the Church Hall.

After the singing of hymns and addresses by various people, tea was served.

Export goods piling up in Red China

Chinese ship owners in Hong Kong were encouraged by Mr. Chang Ching-tung, Manager of the Tientsin branch of the State-owned China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company, to send their ships to China soon to take part in the shipping service.

Mr. Chang, who arrived here from Tientsin recently, told local reporters that Chinese steamers would be given preference in transporting export goods now piled up in Tientsin.

These goods, including 1,000,000 tons of coal produced by the Kailan Coal Mines, 300,000 to 500,000 tons of salt, 25,000 tons peanuts and 2,000 tons of tung oil, would be shipped to Japan, Vladivostok and Europe within this year.

He said that China's shipping business is entering a boom stage and that the People's Government would do everything it could to encourage shipping business operated by national capitalists.

Mr. Chang concluded his statement by saying that the return of Chinese vessels here to China would be beneficial to both the nation and the ship owners.

Court Brevities

Pleading not guilty to a charge of larceny by finding, Pau Yuen, Kowloon Motor Bus Company conductor, was remanded three days for hearing by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was alleged to have picked up $6 on board a route No. 6 bus on Thursday night and appropriated it for his own use.

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For erecting several tents along the water front at Ngautaukok without permission, eight unemployed men, were cautioned and given 24 hours to clear them by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. Mr. Stott, of the Public Works Department, represented the Crown.

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A 72-year-old man, Yeung Hoi-kam, of Tin Pak, was charged before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with possession of arms and ammunition and possession of dangerous goods.

It was alleged that on Friday, two rifles, 193 rounds of ammunition and 11 blocks of gun-cotton were found aboard his junk, Fidality, in Shaukiwan Bay. He was remanded three days.

Two others, Shum Kin-tai, owner of fishing junk P427/18, and a woman Yeung Ung, also of the junk, were charged with possession of one carbine, two machine guns and 75 rounds of ammunition without a licence. They are also remanded three days.

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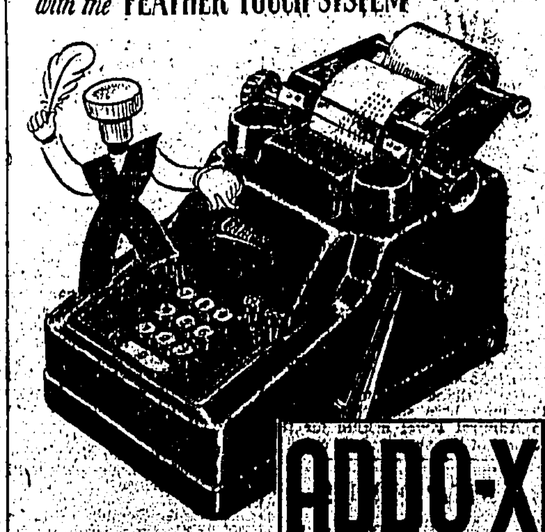

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HK TRADE MISSION'S TOUR OF RED CHINA

A first attempt to break the barrier that has come between normal trade between Hong Kong and China ever since the Communists gained complete control of the mainland, is being made by Hong Kong Chinese merchants and industrialists.

Under the sponsorship of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, a trade mission of about 50 members, representing every phase of local commerce and industry, will set out on Tuesday, May 30, for Canton by train, on the first lap of their two-month tour of Communist China.

It will be the first co-ordinated effort of the kind by Hong Kong commercial interests to establish direct contact with the Communist authorities in China with a view to removal of existing trade barriers.

It was revealed at the meeting of the Chamber on Friday that arrangement had been completed with the Communist authorities for the tour and that not only permission has been granted but every facility is promised the mission on their tour.

Their itinerary will take them as far North as Manchuria, where the mission will try to get a first-hand knowledge of rehabilitation work and agricultural and industrial development in what are reputed to be China's richest provinces.

Plans for tour

Present plans for the tour are for a stop-over of a day or two in Canton, and then the party will proceed by train to Hankow, thence to Shanghai and Peking where the mission intends to stay for three days.

On the return trip all the coastal provinces from Shantung down to Kwangtung will be covered.

Interviewed by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday Mr. Y.K. Mok, the official representative of the Chamber on the mission, said the mission is entirely non-political. It is just a body of business men who want to do business with China, and who believe that there is nothing like personal contact with officials and fellow-merchants alike for smoothing out differences and removing misunderstandings.

If the mission is successful it is believed it will help to remove the trade stagnation that has throttled the life of the commercial community for more than half a year.

"We feel there is business to be done between Hong Kong and China; we need what China can produce and export, and we can provide her with what she wants. The purpose of our mission is to see how this can be achieved to our mutual interest," said Mr. Mok.

Mr. Mok represents Hong Kong on the National Federation of Chambers of Commerce. He was elected a permanent member of the Federation Committee in 1948.

A member of the Hong Kong Chinese Chamber's Executive Committee, he is also Vice-Chairman of its Arbitration Sub-Committee and Social Services Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. P. Byrne, who were married at St. Joseph's Church yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Phyllis Christine Kirby.—("China Mail" photo).

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. W. Willauer, Mr. and Mrs. Dubois, Messrs. M. Mateille, M. Lagueux, R. Blum, E. Herman, and M. Perin left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

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Arrivals from Indo-China by Air France on Friday included Captain B. De Valsseau, J. Perin, and N.L. Myhanani.

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Mrs. H. de Nes, Messrs. I.G. Barbour and W.G. Phillips arrived in Hong Kong on Friday from the United Kingdom by the m/v. Calchas.

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Messrs. S. Cornberg, J. Delatre, Brother L. Holzer, J. Amadeus, H. Franz, C. Braga, S.N. Nagara, Mr. and Mrs. K. Gundersen and Chan Chang-yin left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

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Departures for Singapore by BOAC yesterday included G. Mackintosh, Capt. M.D.M. Kelly, Lie Sice-tjay, Yee Tiam-siew, Tan Chin-tuan, Li Sik-yu, Dr. Loh Poon-lip, Mrs. Soh Chooloh, Dr. (Miss) Siow Gek-loh, Goh Keng-ngee, Lt/Col A. Hasler, H. Bracegirdle, Gwee Au-nun, Maj. Kreiser, and Maj. Beith.

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Mr. Whiting Willauer, Executive Vice-President of Civil Air Transport, incorporated left for Saigon by Air France yesterday.

Mr. Willauer who is on a business trip, is accompanied by his wife.

Wedding

Byrne—Kirby

Miss Phyllis Christine Kirby, daughter of the late Captain W. E. Kirby and Mrs. C. Kirby, of Cardiff, Wales, became the bride of John Bernard Patrick Byrne at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, yesterday.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Byrne, of Kilgowan, County Kildare, Ireland.

The Reverend Father J. Howatson, S.J. officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. P. Murphy, was gowned in white Chantilly lace, Edwardian style long sleeves, lace collar, and a draped apron skirt falling in folds into the long train over a huge underskirt of white tulle.

She also wore a fitted cap of taffeta embroidered with pearls and a three-quarter-length veil of tulle. She carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Miss Margery Greenop, the bridesmaid, wore a gown of deep azure blue nylon silk, a draped bodice with short sleeves, elbow-length pearl grey gloves, and a halo of mixed roses in the hair. A mixed Victorian posy of roses was borne by her.

Mr. Dermott Nolan performed the duties of best man.

The reception was later held at 10 Stanley Beach Road.

The couple will spend their honeymoon in Japan. The bride's going-away dress will be a fitting black and white check taffeta one, with matching coat, black cartwheel straw hat with black accessories.

PRO statement on Shumchun incident; false reports deplored

Hong Kong Government's Public Relations Officer yesterday castigated certain vernacular newspapers for inventing charges against the Police.

The charges referred to an accident on the border on May 7 in which a travelling trader was drowned in the Shumchun river.

The official statement said that a common attitude of some ill-disposed Chinese newspapers when reporting an accident—such as the Lowu drowning accident some months ago—which occurs in the presence of members of the Hong Kong police, is to invent charges against the Police for causing the accident or at least for doing nothing to save life.

The statement added at 4.30 p.m. on May 7, several Chinese were seen being chased in Chinese territory opposite Man Kam To by Chinese soldiers. The Chinese were travelling traders making their way with rice into British territory.

The statement said that several of the traders ran into the river at Man Kam To. One of them was carrying two sacks of rice and two kerosene tins round his neck.

When this man reached the centre of the river, added the statement, he suddenly disappeared under the water and was not seen again.

A cry of help was heard from the crowd watching and Sub-Inspector Kinlock took off his clothing and dived into the river in an attempt to save the man.

Inspector Kinlock's efforts, said the statement, lasted nearly an hour but were unsuccessful.

Information was received that the Chinese authorities, which the operations but gave no help whatsoever, added the statement.

It explained that the point in the river where the man disappeared is fairly deep and the flow very strong, so that in all probability the body of the unknown man would have been carried away swiftly down the river.

The very fine and brave efforts of Sub-Inspector Kinlock were in vain. The body of the man has not been recovered.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK$6.06 and closed at $6.05¾.

TT was put through from HK$6.10½ to $6.10¾.

Sterling was lower at HK$16.47.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$12.50.

Piastres remained nominal at HK$12 a 100.

Ticals at HK$27 a 100, and NEI Guilders at HK$2 a 100, were unchanged.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices released at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday, were:—

	First quality price per catty	Average price per catty
Red Grouper	$2.60	$2.20
Cutlas Fish	1.20	1.10
Sergeant Fish	1.60	1.30
White Pomfret (large)	2.20	2.10
Mango Fish	1.80	1.50
Rock Cod	1.40	.90
Cutter Fish	.80	.70
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.40	1.20
Yellow Croaker (small)	1.00	.80
White Mullet	1.10	1.00
Hair Tail	.90	.80

CONCERT BY SEMINARY CHORUS

The A Cappella Male Chorus of 30 voices of the Lutheran Theological Seminary on Taofongshan in Shatin will give a concert featuring chorals and well known hymns next Saturday.

Between each group of selections, violin numbers will be rendered by a young gifted violinist.

The choir concert will take place in the Swatow Christian Church, 25, Prat Avenue, Kowloon, at 8.15 p.m. on June 30.

No tickets will be available at the church door, but tickets are being sold at Moutries Music Store, Penninsula Hotel, and the Union Lutheran Church, 33, Granville Road.

T&C H CONCERT

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H) 50, Macconnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include Overture "Fingal's Cave" (Mendelssohn), Concerto No. 4 in G minor for Piano (Beethoven), Chorale No. 3 in A minor (Franck), Romance in G major (Svendsen), and Symphony No. 4 (Italian) (Mendelssohn).

London, May 26.

Parliament today adjourned for the Whitsun holiday. It will resume on June 13.—Reuter.

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THE EVERGREEN

Government's attitude on Lantao development scheme

Government would welcome any sincere and practicable proposals relating to the development of any part of the Colony, a Government spokesman told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

He made this statement in reply to a question asked to ascertain Government's attitude toward the current preliminary investigations being carried out by private organisations for the possible development of Lantao Island.

A survey party, including representatives of a number of private Chinese organisations, will make a secont trip to Lantao Island today to carry out further investigations.

The Government spokesman said yesterday that as no proposals have yet been put up by those who recently undertook the preliminary investigations, Government is not in a position to comment on their investigation work.

Will consider recommendations

He added that Government would, however, consider carefully any recommendations which the investigators might put forward.

The spokesman said that Government would wish to be kept informed of any recommendation for the development of Lantao or any other part of the Colony.

The District Commissioner of New Territories, he added, is prepared to furnish any information concerning the administration of his District which may be useful.

He added that it is clearly not possible to say what the handicaps are likely to be, or what measures could be taken to overcome them as no concrete scheme as regards the development of Lantao is concerned has yet been put forward.

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club, sketching party to Shatin, members to meet at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Toc H Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "The Church in Japan" by, Mr. J. H. MacLachlan, 8.45 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church special service, 234th anniversary of the Royal Artillery 10 a.m.; march past, near Merchant Navy Sports ground, 10.45 a.m.

The Ritz, dance in aid of HK Anti-TB Association, 3.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club, screening of film "Colour", Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Union Jack Club, dancing class, 8.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Thigle's physical class, 8 p.m., Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Women's Section European YMCA, Mahjong Morning, 10 a.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 8 p.m., screening of cartoons, 8 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

THURDAY

Y's Men' luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Union Jack Club, Tombola 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Call, 8.15 p.m.

SCAP's farewell to BCOF

Tokyo, May 27.

General Douglas MacArthur said farewell "with an emotion I cannot express" to British occupation forces which are preparing to withdraw from Japan.

The Supreme Commander issued a brief tribute to the British forces in commenting on a Canberra announcement yesterday that they will leave this country.

"Much of the success of the occupation," General MacArthur said, "has been due to their splendid efficiency...They have rendered model service worthy of the lustre of the great nations which bred them."

The General said he understood fully the reason and necessity for the withdrawal but "it is with deepest regret that I see them go."

Recalling the war period when he commended Australian and other British forces in the return to the Philippines, General MacArthur said:

"In peace they have emulated their conduct in war and I can pay them no greater tribute than that. I am proud indeed to have been associated with them through the long years of the past decade and will bid them a last farewell with an emotion I cannot express."

The withdrawal will require six months. Only a force of some 2,300 Australians now remain of a peak British army of 40,000, which once helped administer the occupation.

British forces have served continuously in Japan since February 1946. Nearly every member of the Commonwealth has stationed troops here during that period.—Associated Press.

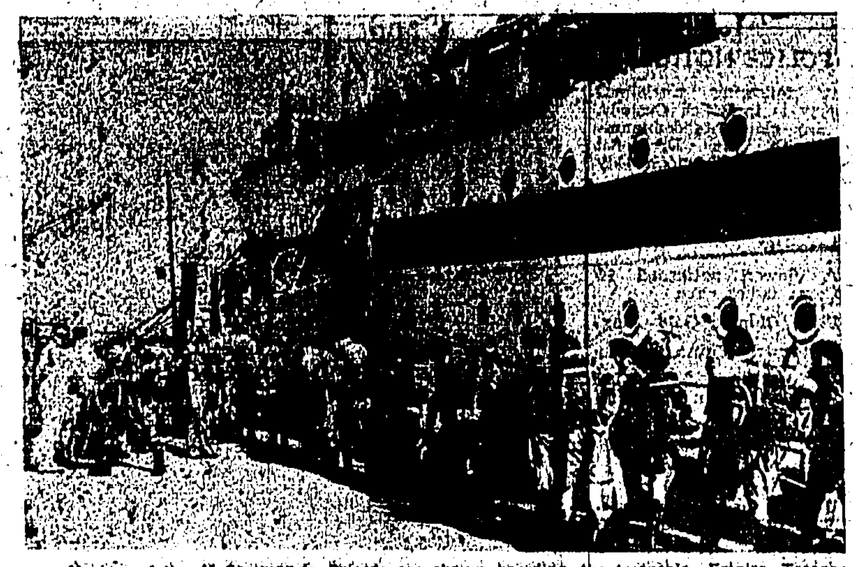
SINGAPORE BAN ON PUBLICATIONS

Singapore, May 27.

The Singapore Government has banned more than 100 Chinese Communist publications under the Emergency Regulations.

The Governor, Sir Franklin Gimson, simultaneously issued an order-in-council under the Undesirable Publications Ordinance, prohibiting the importation and sale of eight erotic sex magazines.

Police have begun confiscating the outlawed books—from bookshops and stalls. — Associated Press.



Marines of the 48 Commando Brigade are shown boarding the troopship Empire Trooper yesterday for transfer to Malaya. The Commandos boarded the troopship at North Point wharf. —("China Mail" photo).

Menacing boulder to be dynamited

The particular hillside boulder which has held a Shaukiwan squatter colony directly below it in suspense for the past few weeks will be gradually blasted to pieces, it was learned yesterday.

In this connection, a temporary enclosure is being built around the granite mass, which is one of the thousands that decorate the Colony's hills.

Before the erection of this enclosure, the Public Works Department authorities originally contemplated blasting the rock right away.

However, it was found that if this was done immediately, the nearby squatter's huts and the tenement houses further down would be endangered by flying rocks.

The PWD has accepted a tender by a private contractor to get rid of the boulder. A deep hole has already been bored in the centre of the rock as a prelude to dynamiting.

Barring any uncalled-for eventuality, the job of clearing up the menace is estimated at three to four weeks.

In the meantime, the work—which was officially described as in an extremely delicate position—will be to a degree prevented from falling by the putting up of additional supports.

The 800 odd squatters concerned awoke to their danger about a fortnight ago when some of the bamboo poles supporting the boulder snapped, and the rock settled a few feet lower on its present position, as a result of the recent rains.

The rock is about 300 yards distant from the main road near the Taikoo Docks. Had it been dislodged, it would first of all have crushed the inhabitants of the numerous huts in its path and hurtled down a lane between two Chinese tenement blocks directly onto the tramline.

A boulder got loose at Causeway Bay on Saturday last and smashed a hut, killing a middle-aged couple.

RUSSIA SOLE OBSTACLE

Washington, May 26.

The Acting Secretary of State, James Webb, said today that Russia is the sole obstacle to a peace treaty for Austria.

Mr. Webb, in a prepared statement, said, "Russia's refusal to proceed with the Austria negotiations until they receive an answer to their charges about Trieste represent only another attempt to change the subject."

He said the Russians are employing delaying manoeuvres to avoid a treaty.—Associated Press.

WEAPON AGAINST PRESS FREEDOM

Montevideo, May 28.

The United Nations sub-committee on the Freedom of Information and Press voted 10-0 today to ask the United Nations to invite member states to end newsprint restrictions which, it said, serve as weapon against Press freedom.

The United States, Egypt, Lebanon, India, Uruguay, Britain and the Philippines were among the nations endorsing the proposal during a tense session. Yugoslavia abstained.—United Press.

EXPLOSION KILLS 10 IN COLOMBIA

Bogota, Colombia, May 27.

A thousand gallons was reported to have set off an explosion of which burned out last night. Ten persons, including 3 Nazis, are now dead.

Fourteen other persons were injured and the buildings in the city's commercial area were damaged. The damage has been placed in six figures.—Associated Press.

OLDSTERS IN THE MAJORITY

Toronto, May 27.

For the first time in the history of the human race, there is a surplus population of ageing people.

Dr. A. H. Sellars, medical statistician for Ontario, released figures showing the longevity of the human race, from the Bronze age to the Atomic age. They show that although you may wish for the good old days, you wouldn't have had much times to enjoy it.

The average life expectancy during the Bronze Age was 18 years. The ancient Egyptians lived an average of 22 years. There's half a century more of life in the 20th century.

Dr Sellars said that in 1901 only 15 per cent of Canada's population were between the ages of 45 and 64. By 1951, 21.5 per cent will be in that age group, and more than five per cent of the population is shifting.

Mrs. Jean Good, of the Toronto Welfare Council of Old Age, said the 20th Century over-emphasised youth. The role of the older person in shaping the future has been ignored.

A recent survey revealed that older workers showed less absenteeism, had fewer accidents and were less inclined to exchange their jobs.

But youth has the final say, and men in their 40's who wish a change of profession find it difficult. Companies are reluctant to employ them, as they have to contribute more to pension funds. —United Press.

PRELATE ON PRESS FREEDOM

London, May 27.

Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, championed the principles of a free Press at a dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund.

"It is a matter for profound thankfulness," he said, "that everybody in this country agrees that the freedom of the Press is a thing to be stoutly and at all costs maintained.

"I believe profoundly in the freedom of the Press and its freedom to use and misuse that freedom, and relatively speaking that freedom is very rarely misused.

"If I was a dictator there are plenty of things I would do to improve parts of the Press, but in the main the responsibility is magnificently discharged."—Associated Press.

BURMA CAMPAIGN REUNION

London, May 26.

Six thousand veterans of Britain's 14th Army tonight joined their old commander, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, and Lord Mountbatten, wartime commander in South East Asia, at the Army's annual Burma Campaign reunion.

The reunion was held at the Royal Albert Hall. Lord Mountbatten asked the 14th Army veterans to stand in tribute to the war dead. Then he told the men he found it "a great thrill to recapture that indomitable spirit of SEAC (the South East Asia Army Command) which brought us through so many adversities during the war."—Reuter.

JOHN GUNTHER COMING HERE

San Francisco, May 26.

John Gunther, author of "Inside Europe," "Inside the U.S.A." and other books, plans to visit Japan during the next few months and hopes a book will develop from his observations. He has decided tentatively to name the book "MacArthur's Japan."

After Japan, Mr. Gunther and his wife plan to visit Hong Kong, Bangkok and Siam, then Europe. —Associated Press.

London, May 26.

Vatican Radio reported that the Prime Minister of Burma, Thakin Nu, was received by the Pope today.—Reuter.

Bad boys begin at home

What is it that makes a bad boy bad? The influence of the cinema? An inherited "black streak?" To these last two questions Mr. D. H. Stott, the psychologist, says "No." He places the responsibility firmly on the boy's parents.

Not always are the parents to blame; but the responsibility remains. Often the seed from which delinquency grows is a real or fancied lack of affection.

Mr. Stott is 40, married, and has two children. He lives at Redhill, Surrey. His conclusions on delinquency among boys are published by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—"Delinquency and Human Nature," the most comprehensive report yet made on the problem.

Lived among boys

It is the result of four years' work, during which he lived at an approved school, in close contact with the boys, gaining their confidence, visiting their parents. He bases his conclusions on the case-histories of 102 boys dealt with at the school.

In almost every case he says, the original cause of delinquency is to be found in the boys' relationships with their parents. It is fostered principally in such places as amusement arcades, billiard halls, and night cafes.

Sometimes circumstances are outside the parents' control; sometimes, for instance, it is their death which is the cause of the trouble.

But delinquency, says Mr. Stott, is almost invariably traceable to some failure in the normal parent-child relationship, instinctively inherent in the child is the feeling of a need for protection and a fear of desertion.

Causes of breakdown

Sensing the lack of the one or with apprehension of the other—sometimo without real cause—the boy suffers emotional disturbances which may eventually find their outlet in delinquency.

Among the causes of breakdown in this relationship, Mr. Stott lists such factors as hostilities over the health or quarrels of parents; estrangement, actual threats of desertion of the home by mother or father; a feeling of inferiority produced by parental brother or sister being favoured at birth, and actual abandonment. Parents separated or remarried, the "step" parent, the man presiding in a home, the favourite mother preying on the child's mind with real or imaginary complaints — these are prominent too.

The emotional disturbance that results may take various forms, not always delinquent. A young man of well-to-do parents may express resentment against a "go-getter father by refusing to be an economic success.

In other cases resentment takes the form of doing something to annoy the parents.

Fears of loss of parental love or care — the most common of all causes — may produce an intolerable state of mental anxiety from which forgetfulness is sought in violent self-expression — and delinquent acts.

By Montague Smith

Boys feeling themselves neglected want to "show off" among others; or may pilfer from their parents in the attempt to secure attention by being a nuisance.

Because of the underlying mental "avoidance" of home conditions many on the way to becoming delinquents seek jobs as van boys.

Escapist needs

The constant physical activity of jumping on and off satisfies a need for demonstrative activity. Stealing the goods is its further outcome.

Another example of the same "escapist" need is the boy who gets into an unattended motor-car and drives it round town, often with no real criminal intent.

Thwarted boys want to mix with others with similar feelings. It is easy to find them. They are all infected with a similar restlessness and need for exciting, attention-filling diversions, and gravitate to the amusement arcades, billiards halls and night cafe.

Such thrills are sought, Mr. Stott adds, because the boys have not the money for socially acceptable forms of excitement such as motor-cycling, mountaineering, or big-game shooting.

Cinemas may actually help in keeping a boy of the "avoidance" type out of mischief by providing him with substitute excitement; those starved of parental affection may find help in emotional education there.

Not dying films

Not one case was found in which a boy directly imitated undesirable behaviour seen in a film. The most that can be said in this report of gangster and gay-life films is that they may determine the form of the delinquent breakdown, already threatened by parental causes.

Among the delinquents examined the housebreaker was usually the type. At home he was often a model son in every respect, doing the housework for mother and saving his money for her.

At heart most of the boy delinquents "were just as much worried about getting into trouble as were their parents or the Home Secretary, found it difficult to understand the reason for their lapses or their unhappy state, and lacked confidence in themselves for the future." This was markedly so with the regular offenders.

What is the cure for all this? Mr. Stott is writing another book on that. Here he no more than sketches some of his conclusions.

For the "tough nut" the youth club as at present constituted offers, he says, no fold. He is the lost sheep who cause more concern that the 99 others, and we must go in search of him.

By the time a boy has signalled his distress by appearing in court it avails little for the representatives of society to wag a fatherly finger or to come down with a heavy hand.

Advice to parents

The unsatisfactory family and its predelinquent junior must become somebody's business.

For parents there is this advice: Don't worry because there has been a "black sheep" in the family. There is no evidence of inheritance in this respect.

The worst possible thing is for parents to worry so much whether they are doing the right thing that they end up by doing nothing. Lack of discipline may be interpreted as lack of interest.

As for the idea of always letting a child have its own way, Mr. Stott cites the case of a couple who refused to put their toddler in a play-pen for fear of creating "repressions"—and said: "A few years later the husband went off with another woman."

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Any person who has received a Return Form but who has not yet sent it in should therefore do so without delay, since he may otherwise incur a penalty.

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May 26, 1950.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 27, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that "NO PARKING" will be allowed in Chater Road between Ice House Street and Murray Road as from 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, 1950 to 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 1950.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

May 26, 1950.

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Mr. John McNeill (right), who was made Hong Kong's fifth King's Counsel among practising barristers, after the ceremony at the Supreme Court yesterday standing beside him is the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams.—("China Mail" Photo).

New King's Counsel is welcomed at Supreme Court

Mr. John McNeill, KC, the fifth practicing barrister to be appointed King's Counsel of the Colony, was welcomed as such at the Supreme Court yesterday in a simple but impressive ceremony.

Mr. McNeill, whose career has been marked with success and distinction, is the son of a former Lord Advocate of Scotland and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Duncan McNeill, Baron Colonsay, who once practised here himself.

The brief ceremony took place before all three Judges of the Supreme Court: Mr. E. H. Williams, Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, and Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge.

Those present included the Hon. J. B. Griffin, KC, Attorney-General, Mr. G. E. Strickland Solicitor-General, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, Mr. C. E. Loseby, KC, Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, and most members of the Bar and legal profession in the Colony.

Mr. C. d'Almada e Castro Supreme Court Registar, read out the Letters Patent for such an occasion, after which the Acting Chief Justice addressed Mr. McNeill.

"It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Bench to welcome you as one of His Majesty's Counsel for this Colony," he asserted. "The Letters Patent which have just been read are a worthy recognition of the long association of your family with the Law.

"I believe I am correct in stating that a forebear of yours, Duncan McNeill, Baron Colonsay was Lord Advocate of Scotland and a Member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Your father was admitted to practice in this Court on April 20, 1895.

War service

Mr. Williams went on to recall Mr. McNeill's service in the First Battalion, The Black Watch, in 1918 in France, Belgium and Germany. Mr. McNeill, he continued, was a Classical Scholar of Trinity College Oxford and an Honours Graduate in the School of Litteras Humaniores, and an MA of the University of Oxford.

Mr. McNeill entered the Inner Temple and was called to the English Bar in 1923. He practiced in England until 1926. It was then that he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and come to the Far East.

From 1926 to 1941, Mr. McNeill practiced continually before His Majesty's Supreme Court in China. In 1937, he acted as Crown Advocate in China and from 1939 to 1943, became a Crown Advocate in China—an appointment equivalent to Attorney General in a British Colony.

He was then admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in June 1941, where he remained until the outbreak of the Pacific war. In November, 1948, he returned. From then onwards, he has been in regular practice.

"When you came here," the Acting Chief Justice remarked, "You brought to the Colony great legal experience, and your career here in this short time has been marked with success and distinction.

"Endowed with the qualities which you possess, I feel certain that your career in the future will be even more distinguished. On behalf of the Bench, I offer you congratulations on the honour which has been conferred on you."

Congratulations

The Attorney-General then rose and said he was grateful for the opportunity to congratulate and welcome Mr. McNeill within the Bar. He remarked that the ample claims to the distinction which the King has seen fit to rende to Mr. McNeill has been fully and adequately described.

"I content myself by adding a personal note. It is this: that I learned that my learned friend has shared with me the experience—I might almost say distinction—of having in his younger days, as mine, been a pupil in the Chambers of the late Mr. Theobald Mathew, whose memory will always be green, if for no other reason than that of having been the author of forensic fables."

After Mr. Sheldon had expressed his association with Mr. Griffin's remarks, Mr. McNeill thanked all concerned for their encouraging expressions.

Talisman survivors in Colony

A group of 41 survivors of the Norwegian motorship Talisman which was gutted by fire near Shimizu, South West of Yokohama, arrived from Tokyo en route to Norway aboard a chartered South America and Far East Airline DC-4 Skymaster yesterday afternoon.

According to the men, the fire broke out in the motorship's starboard engine room while she was sailing about 25 miles off the nearest shoreline, some four hours after she left Shimizu.

She was Hong Kong-bound with about 600 tons of general cargo in her holds.

Commanded by Mr. R. Endresen, the 6,700-ton vessel's crew members had to abandon her about an hour after the fire broke out.

The fire lasted for about 12 days. At present the vessel is lying in 25 feet of water with her bow riding high above the water.

Three members of the ill-fated vessel's crew are still in Japan.

The Norwegians will continue their journey to Oslo today by the same aircraft.

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WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)

Week's adventures are likely to be social rather than profit-making. Worth while reviving former friendships particularly on Friday. Also, remember to pay duty visits to older people, observe family conventions.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)

If you are on the alert it should be possible to clinch your latest and most important undertakings within next two days. Later in week—notably on Friday— unexpected hold-ups would occur in any new scheme. An adverse week for speculation but good for ordinary money-making.

MARCH

(February 19—March 20)

If you get a chance to sign a promising contract or to put an interesting agreement in writing, take it. Something might be arranged in next three days that brings in steady profits over rest of week. A good week for communicating with friends abroad.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)

Passing financial anxiety first half of week, may clear up by Wednesday. But better not take speculative risks or be too ambitious in your undertakings this week. Heavier correspondence than usual and possibility of a lease or contract maturing.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)

Venus enters your Sun Sign this week; hence likelihood of an easier and brighter period in near future. But meanwhile be tactful with your closer associates and tolerant of rebellious and temperamental subordinates. Tact will carry you further than aggressiveness this week.

JUNE

(May 21—June 20)

A most promising week for new schemes provided you get the right backing. By exercising tact and ingenuity, it should be possible to get financial help and useful co-operation by Friday. Make all arrangements now for an important move middle of June.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)

Forget your troubles and enjoy life this week. More is likely to come of the right social contacts than of hard work. A comparative stranger may take a hand in your affairs end of week.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)

If in doubt as to whether to follow duty or pleasures this week, vote for pleasure. Worth while relaxing and enjoying life for a few days. While doing so you may strike luckier than you expect, make friends who become useful next month.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)

Week may open with a little financial muddle but prospects clear by Wednesday. News likely of a scheme that may lead to travel late in year.

OCTOBER

(September 22—October 23)

If you have been anxious about an older member of the family or concerned about inheriting money, your problems lighten in next few days. A critical period due on Wednesday but after that you see your way clearly ahead. Journeys may be necessary last three days of week.

NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)

Marriage or business partner is under beneficient stars; hence you benefit indirectly. A good week too for link-up with women friends or getting necessary backing from women relatives. Passing financial anxiety mid-week.

DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)

Worthwhile taking trouble to keep fit in next few days. Pace of events may become hectic and a strain upon your nerves and physique. Alternatively, feuds among staff or subordinates hold up your immediate plans.

SUNDAY, MAY 28: FOR MOST OF US: It may be difficult to keep tempers under control and spiteful tongues quiet, but do your best and refuse to take part in unnecessary quarrels. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Dove Grey, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: The coming 12 months are not likely to stand out in your memory as a spectacular period in your life. In most matters you will end the year as you began it, that is fairly comfortably and happily, but without important changes. Most probably your personal affairs will take up more time and thought than your career or your finances.

Better not plunge into changes unnecessarily. You would prosper more and achieve more peace of mind if you stayed where you are until mid-1951. So be content with your job if it is at all congenial and make the best of possibly difficult associates.

Within the family conditions may be difficult for some time. If you are in constant touch with an older woman relative, be careful. It may not be possible to keep quite clear of quarrels, but do what you can.

Don't let your social ambitions run away with you this year. You are likely to have a happier time if you are content with simple pleasures and old friends. Disillusionment is probable if you hope to be a sensation socially in 1950 and 1951.

If planning marriage, be careful to keep on the right side both of your own family and of your potential in-laws. If already married, much of your time and thought will be taken up in dealings with temperamental outbursts within the family circle. Probably your greatest happiness in 1950/51 will come from dealings with children and much younger people.

MONDAY, MAY 29: FOR MOST OF US: It should be easy to do well this morning. Conditions today favour both old and new undertakings. Get all you can completed before noon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine Red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Provided you are not averse to changes and to new schemes, this should be an outstandingly successful year. Both from the point of view of financial success and interesting experiences, 1950/51 is likely to prove a vintage period.

Don't waste time; get going with new schemes right away. It should also be possible to revive something that you were working on in 1942 or 1943. Whether you concentrate on revived ideas or upon entirely new projects, you should do well in 1950.

There is no need to worry about money. You will have more than one windfall before the year is out. So, if there is money owing to you or a legacy due to come your way, you should benefit early in the New Year.

If you take up new work in 1950, it will probably involve travel. Journeys abroad will be stimulating and profitable. But don't attempt to settle out of this country. On the contrary, you would do well to go back to neighbourhoods in which you lived a few years ago.

Both old and new relationships are under kindly stars this year. You will find relatives and old friends a standby throughout 1950/51. At the same time a link-up with someone of outstanding and possibly dominating personality will affect your life to a remarkable extent. If single, marriage may follow rather suddenly.

TUESDAY, MAY 30: FOR MOST OF US: Time-wasters may do their best to upset your plans. Concentration and "drive" needed if you are to achieve much today. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Vermillion, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although the coming year will probably be an unsettled one, it is not likely to be marked by any serious setbacks. But you will find it more than usually difficult to settled down to steady work while changes among your associates and in your environment will prove very unsettling.

So better postpone projects of much importance until after Christmas. By that time you will probably see fairly clearly where you are going and able to concentrate on the job in hand. In the New Year of 1950 you are likely to get some unexpected and substantial backing.

You may have to move about a good deal during the next few months, but it is not likely that you would settle anywhere very long. Some new development connected with your job or possibly a family emergency is likely to set you travelling in June, July and November.

It will be a good year for you if you are interested in out-of-door activities or keen on sports. Probably you would enjoy pursuits of this kind all the more because 1950 promises to bring unusual vitality and good health. Hence you will be more energetic than usual, incline to take risks and seek adventure.

Although your friends may keep you on edge much of the time, don't worry. If new friendships come to nought after a month or two, it is probably the best thing that could happen to you. What real happiness you need you will find in two long-standing relationships.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31: FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be a critical day with unexpected delays and setbacks. Don't risk your money in any speculative enterprise. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Frankly this year is likely to mark a turning point in your life and, during the first part of it, you will probably feel baffled and frustrated. Fortunately, the tide is likely to turn in your favour in 1951 and you should reach your next birthday more comfortably placed and in happier condition than at present.

The most important period of the year will probably be the end of November, and the first few days of December. Certain business changes, probably engineered by those in a higher position than yourself, may prove disappointing. It is possible that for a short time your income may be cut or you may have to take a poorer job than that you hold at the moment.

But in the New Year conditions should be easier and you have a good chance of success in some entirely new undertaking. So better be economical and careful until about March 1950 and then take any necessary risks or try out original ideas.

Life may be a little complicated by certain health developments. Take good care of yourself particularly during November, December and January. Some family problem connected with a brother, sister or cousin may also keep you bothered during the same period.

Don't expect the family to see eye to eye with you in any proposed changes this year. Nevertheless, it will be worthwhile going ahead with your most cherished scheme in spite of opposition. Though older women may try to make trouble for you, yet there is much happiness to be found in a new and idealistic friendship due to begin in 1950.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1: FOR MOST OF US: Curiously contradictory influences at work today. You fall out with one set of associates, but achieve personal success in a new scheme. Accident risk rather high this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sky Blue, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Throughout the coming year you are likely to be alternately bothered and elated. Periods of great happiness will be followed by quarrels and misunderstandings. But, taking the year as a whole, you will probably find that you have made progress and become much happier by your next birthday.

You will find it a more profitable and pleasanter year if you can succeed in keeping the peace. Aim at building up both business and personal goodwill during 1950/51. Where disputes can be settled by arbitration, follow that course rather than fight to a finish.

But in spite of yourself you may be plunged into one controversy after another. Business competition will be keen and if you have personal enemies they will be on the alert. A period round about September is likely to be particularly stormy.

Although health should be excellent this year, do be careful about small mishaps. There is some likelihood too that you may be at loggerheads with a neighbour or involved in some dispute about boundaries or property.

If still young and heartwhole, this is sure to be a romantic year, but love affairs or engagement would be marked by quarrels from time to time. If already married, you may find your marriage partner rather temperamental, but on the whole this will be an outstandingly pleasant period in your life.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2: FOR MOST OF US: In spite of upsets early in day, good business prospects. Aim at completing work already in hand and at collecting money owing. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish brown, 8, Dark sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: From the business and financial angle, life should be all that you could desire this year. You are likely to make sensational progress in your career, build up most valuable assets during the 12 months. But in your personal life complications and misunderstandings seem likely.

Don't make far-reaching changes, however tempted you may be to do so. Prosperity this year depends on your remaining where you are and on carrying on with work already in hand. You should now begin to see good results from three or eight years of hard work already put in.

From a money angle, the most propitious periods of the year are likely to be September 1950 and January and March 1951. During these periods you could do a great deal to establish yourself comfortably and you may benefit through windfalls or legacies.

Incidentally, it is an excellent year for settling down and if you feel the impulse to buy a house or extend any holdings you have already, better do so. Anything that involves handling property or developing land would flourish in 1950/51.

Family relationships, that is dealings with older people, are likely to be undisturbed this year. Also, if unmarried, there is some likelihood of a prosperous marriage with someone many years your senior. But other close ties will not be so fortunate; mischief-makers may do their best to spoil a promising love affair and one near relative—probably someone your own age—breaks away.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3: FOR MOST OF US: Get about and see life today. Happy and interesting experiences if you can keep on the move. Thrills for sports enthusiasts. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish yellow, 9, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Happiness and success in 1950/51 depend upon how adaptable you are and how fond you are of travel. If you were born with the Sun in Gemini, it is probable that you have both these characteristics strongly developed. In that event, the coming 12 months should be a most stimulating period in your affairs.

On no account stay in a groove this year if you want to be happy and progressive. Though new jobs may not last long, it might be as well to take them in 1950. If a chance of travel comes your way, grasp it at all costs.

You need not worry about money. Though you won't make a great deal this year, you will have enough to keep you in comfort. Also, it is likely that experience and adventure will mean more to you than profits in 1950.

If your interests take you out of doors and in particular if you are sports-minded, this will be a year to remember. Health and energy will be abounding and you will be in the mood to take risks and do unusual things. Some coveted distinction is likely to come your way early in 1951.

If young and unmarried, it will be a romantic and exciting year. A love affair seems certain and marriage may follow at once. If already settled, consider uprooting yourself and your family in the coming twelve months or, if that is impossible, revise your way of living.

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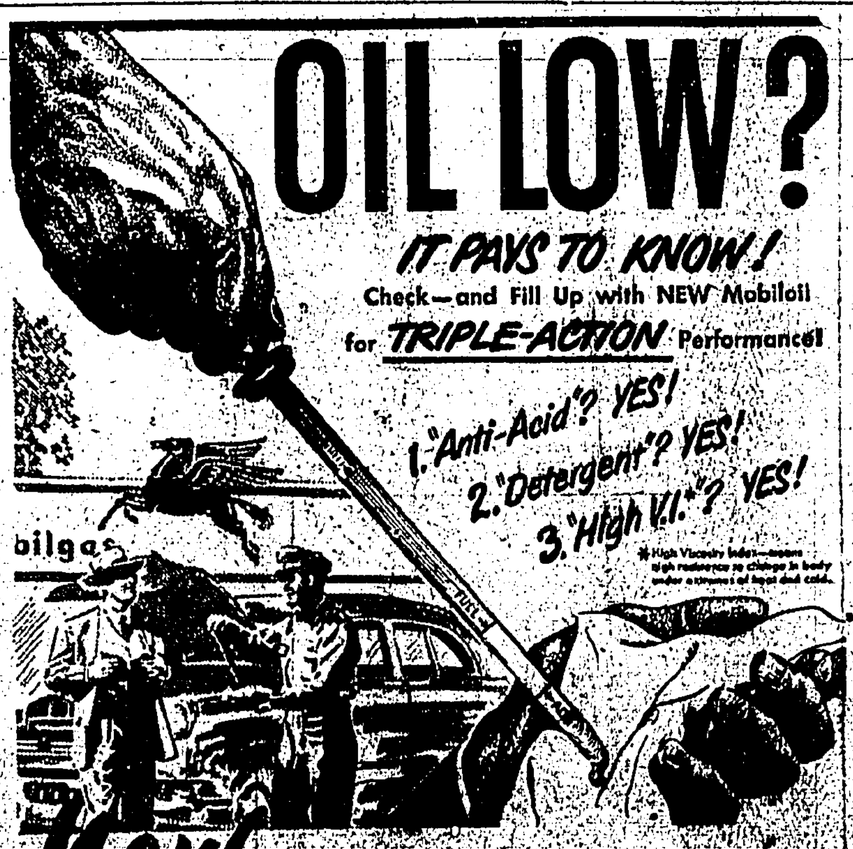

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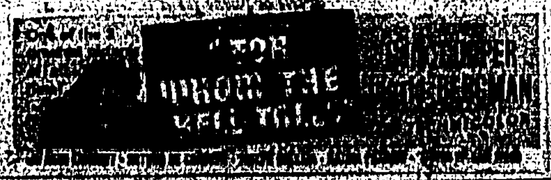

LIAQUAT ALI KHAN ON NECESSITY FOR PEACE

Boston, May 26.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, told the student body the Massachusetts Institute of Technology today that before everything else, "we must have peace".

In his last major speech in the United States, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said, "We need it even more badly and desire it even more passionately than you do. For we are just at the beginning of a new life, just across the threshold of freedom".

He reminded his listeners that immediate peace in the world did not depend on what they in Asia did.

"Immediate peace depends only on those who can make immediate war. We in Asia can only hope and pray that leaders of world opinion will use their power and wisdom not to add to the fears of an apprehensive world but to dispel those fears.

"We are resolved, nevertheless, to make the greatest contribution we can in our circumstances to the maintenance of world peace."

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that in this respect, their responsibility was to keep their own house in order and go ahead with the enormous task of developing their resources and educating their people. This they could do only with international co-operation.

He said, "Without international co-operation there are few countries in the world that can substantially contribute to peace. Certainly, no underdeveloped country can.

Tribute to U.S.

"And yet it is in under-developed countries, more than others that disruption, discontent, strife, and instability, are most likely to find a fertile field."

Summing up his impressions of his American tour which officially ends tonight, the Prime Minister paid a tribute to the quality of American character "which makes Americans both sensible and sentimental, both adventurous and home-loving, both courteous and direct and both hard-headed and the world's greatest philanthropists."

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan renewed his appeal for international co-operation in the task of building up his country and said, "I do not want charity. I only ask for the help of more experienced countries of the world to put our own men to work and for our own resources to yield their wealth. I do so not for the sake of my country alone, but for the sake of America and for sake of the world.

"I abhor exploitation and would consider it poor response to the great kindness and hospitality that I have been shown here if I were to exploit this kindness even for my country's sake.

"Whenever I talked of international co-operation, I always asked that it be scrutinised very closely both as a joint moral undertaking and as a mutually profitable concern."—Reuter.

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P.M.
10.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary. Summary.
10.02—Saturday's Sports Results. (Studio)
10.05—Albert Sandler and His Orch.—Guest Artist: Gustaf Torrestad.
11.30—New Concert Orch.
11.00—Services from the Studio Conducted by Lieut. Colonel Waller, S.A.
11.45—Organ Interlude.
11.45—A Bouquet of Spanish Songs.

P.M.
12.00—"Sports Time"—By Bill Phillips. (Studio)
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—Viennese Waltz Orch.
12.45—Recent Popular Releases.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—"Afternoon Concert."
2.00—"Take It from Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBCTS)
2.30—Jazz Half Hour"—Introduced by Scott McConnell (Studio)
3.00—Hospital Requests—Presented by "Amber." (Studio)
4.00—Mario Litor and His Orch.
4.10—A Short Story: A Pair of Crutches"—Written and Read by W.H. Marriot. (Studio)
4.30—"Two's Company"—Presented by Stephen Hogg. (Studio)
4.45—"Serenades."
5.00—"Home Requests"—Presented by "Amber." (Studio)
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—Services Evensong—Conducted by the Rev. Donald Young R.N (Studio)
6.30—The Melachrino Strings—Dorothy Squires and Phil Regan: (Vocal).
7.00—"We Sing for You"—Helen Jepson (Soprano) & Lawrence Tibbett. (Baritone)
7.15—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)
7.30—Dinner Music.
8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Weeks Programmes. (Studio).
8.30—"Mary Lovelace"—A Dramatisation of Anthony Trollope's (Novel "Is he Popenjoy"—Ep. 7: "Mary is Very Ill-used." (BBCTS)
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
9.10—Weather Report.
9.11—Interlude.
9.15—Symphony Concert — Handel's Organ Concerto No. 2 in B Flat, Op. 4, No. 2. Dr. G.D. Cunningham (Organ) & the City of Birmingham Orch. Conducted by George Weldon. Gabriel Faure's Ballade for Piano & Orch. Op. 19. Kathleen Long (Piano) & the National Symphony O. Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony Op. 14. — Episode in the Life of an Artist: The Concertgebow Orch. of Amsterdam conducted by Eduard Van Beinum.
10.30—"From Bicker to Blue Anchor"—No. 1 Talk by J.B. Priestley. (BBCTS)
10.45—Luton Girls Choir.
11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
11.15—Weather Report.
11.16—Epilogue. (BBCTS)
God Save the King.
11.25—Close Down.

BLACK AND WHITE

Memphis, Tennessee, May 26.

Four patches of white skin, each eight inches long and two and a half inches wide, have been grafted to the back of a Negro girl who was badly burned when her sweater caught fire.

The white skin will act as a protective coat until the seven-year-old girl is well enough for her own skin to be grafted to the burned areas.—Associated Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
8.00—Organist.
8.15—Negro Spirituals.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.00—News & Weather.
9.15—Sunday Variety.
10.00—"Exploring Hong Kong."
10.15—Claude Thornhill and his Orch.
10.32—Church Service.
Light Music.
Organ Melodies.

P.M.
12.00—"Sur Les Bords de la Seine".
12.30—Lunch Time Music.
1.15—News And Weather Report.
1.30—Popular Concert.
2.00—The Spice of Life.
4.00—Griffin Inn Ensemble.
5.00—Music Hall Varieties.
5.30—Aces Concert Party.
6.00—Forces Favourites.
6.30—Just For You.
6.45—"How Radio Came to Toytown."
7.00—The Adventurers of Sherlock Holmes.
7.30—"Songs of the Nations.
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—B.B.C. News.
8.15—Local News.
8.25—Sammy Kaye's Orch.
8.30—The Grain of Mustard Seed.
8.45—Songs from the Shows.
9.00—"Classics for Today".
9.30—"London Playhouse."
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.00—Local News.
10.15—The First Piano Quartet.
10.30—Light Music.
11.00—A Date with Dreamland.
12.00—Close Down.

KANGAROO HUNT NEAR LONDON

London, May 26.

Two kangaroos are being hunted today within 30 miles of London, far from their native Australia.

To the North, a hunt is on for a rabbit-sized type called a wallaby. It had been scaring children.

To the South a search is in progress for a regular three-foot kangaroo. A school teacher followed it three miles in his car the other night.

Both animals are believed to be escaped pets.—Associated Press.

RAT HOLDS UP TRAFFIC

Melbourne, May 26.

A single rat today caused the biggest transportation snag in Melbourne's history.

The rodent somehow managed to short-circuit the entire power system of the suburban electric railways. Hundreds of trains were delayed, and thousands of workers were late to their offices. The smoke was so dense in the main power house that firemen had to use respirators before repairs to the short-circuit could be made.

The rat was very dead.—United Press.

JULIUS CAESAR TO BE FILMED

Hollywood, May 26.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios announce plans to film William Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar" sometime next year.

No castings have been made yet. The studio said its production personnel now in Rome filming "Quo Vadis?" will also film backgrounds for "Julius Caesar."—Associated Press.

Dropping the bomb would be silly

Berlin, May 26.

The dropping of a Soviet atom bomb on Detroit would be a silly way to try to convince the Americans of the advantage of Socialism, the Soviet writer, Ilya Ehrenburg, told correspondents here today.

"In just the same way an American bomb dropped on the Soviet Union would not be a good way to advertise free enterprise."

Mr. Ehrenburg, who is attending the Communist Peace Rally in Berlin, stated, "I believe that a Socialist and a capitalist State can exist alongside one another in peace. I would like to propose to America that we hold a peaceful Socialist competition as our factories do in the Soviet Union to see which of our economic systems is more successful."—Reuter.

CHURCH VERDICT ON BERGMAN

Rome, May 26.

Miss Ingrid Bergman and the Italian motion picture director, Roberto Rossellini, who were married by civil proxy in Juarez, Mexico, are still living in sinful adultery in the eyes of the Catholic Church, a high church official said today.

He added, "They set the most pernicious example in civil society itself. The possibility of a Church wedding for Miss Bergman and Rossellini is well nigh completely excluded."—United Press.

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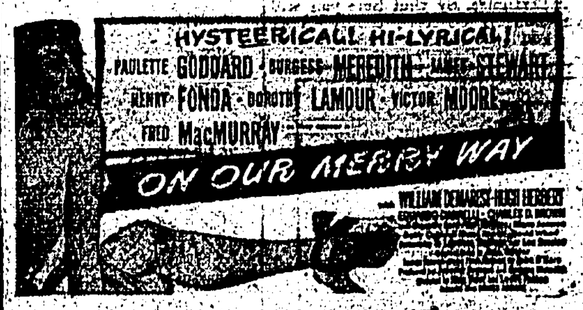

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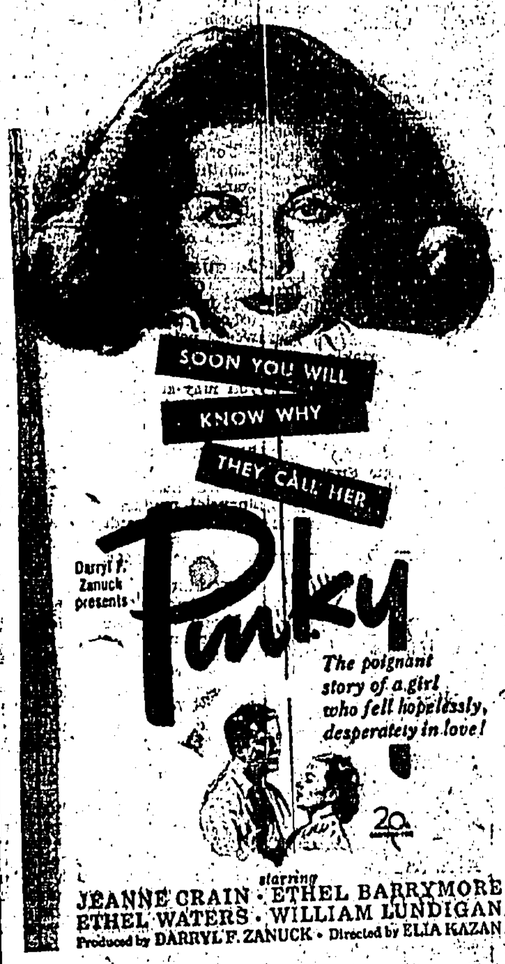

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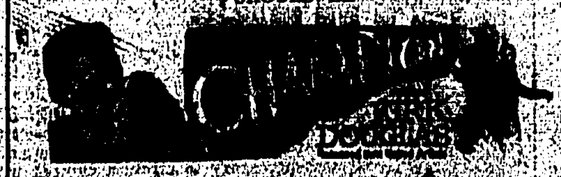

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Royal Attire

Sartorial critics were quick to notice that the King departed from an old family tradition when he visited the British Industries Fair. His Majesty wore a double-breasted jacket and turn-up trousers.

King Edward VII was a severe adherent to trousers without turn-up and the single breasted jacket. The late Lord Derby often told the story of when he appeared at the palace one day wearing trousers with turn-up, the King, noticing his break with custom, asked him if the Palace floor covers were so dusty, that he had to turn up his trouser legs.

King George V too, had his rule in so far as the trousers were concerned, but he preferred the crease to be at the side instead of the front.

The present King, although he has adhered to the frontal crease rule, has frequently departed from the no turn-up style. In the Services, absence of turn-up is strictly observed.

Britain on her mettle

A bewildering array of commodities confronted the visitors to the British Industries Fair.

There were 20 miles of stalls, and the indications are that much valuable business was transacted.

It is recognised that on this occasion as never before British salesmanship was on its mettle. Many thousands of foreign buyers were here and at the Birmingham section, and they certainly found that there were infinite ranges of goods of all descriptions on view and sale.

No longer is there the handicap of delayed delivery. Some of the smartest salesmen in Great Britain, and also some of the most attractive saleswomen, were engaged at these fair stalls, and Mr. Strauss, Minister of Supply, one of the notable visitors, was highly delighted by what he saw.

Royal playgoer

Queen Mary, always gets a wonderful reception from a London theatre audience.

To be at a play when she is in the Royal box is an experience not easily forgotten, and her fellow playgoers at "The Way Things Go," the Frederick Lonsdale comedy which she attended at the Phoenix Theatre the other day, surpassed themselves in the warmth of their welcome.

The Queen Mother herself seemed almost overwhelmed by the enthusiasm which they displayed. Her Majesty's appearance probably had a good deal to do with it.

She was dressed all in white, instead of in one of the dark colours which she usually affects at night, and as she entered the Royal box, diamonds flashing in her beautifully-dressed white hair, she looked indeed, like a fairy-tale queen, and years younger than 83.

Leader of youth

The ever-more-active role of Princess Margaret as a leader of Britain's youth is illustrated by two or three selections from her engagements for the near future.

First Commandant-in-Chief of the St. John Cadets, she is paying a visit to the historic chancery of the order in Clerkenwell here. Among those receiving her will be the Lord Prior, Lord Wakehurst, the Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, General Sir Otto Lund, and Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Superintendant of the Brigade.

Her Royal Highness will present Grand Prior badges to cadets and will later visit the famous East End settlement of Toynbee Hall, where she will inspect entries in the St. John Cadets' National paintings competition, and bestow prizes on the winners in their drama contest.

Two days later, Princess Margaret will be at Westminster's Central Hall for the annual festival of the Shaftesbury Society, at which she will receive purses.

Another "purses-for-youth" mission will take Her Royal Highness to London's Albert Hall on Friday, June 2, for the celebration by the YWCA of its 95th birthday. "Margarets" of all ages will be appealed to help fill the purses, and it is hoped that the Princess will receive one hundred, each with the "anniversary" total of £95.

Court presentation

Although the traditional court dress, with its train and ostrich feathers, is not now required, the Royal presentation party is still an expensive item on the debutante's budget. A gown from any of the well known couturiers costs in the region of £60 and there are numerous accessories and other expenses.

The debutante today is not even assured of meeting the King and Queen. At pre-war courts each débutante made her curtsy before their Majesties. Today only a few are lucky enough to be presented.

Presentation, however, does carry certain privileges. It gives the right to apply for the coveted ticket to the Royal Enclosure at Ascot. It also gives entree to functions of a Royal or semi-Royal nature to which access is otherwise barred.

No special qualifications are required before girls can be presented, though no girl herself can apply. Generally a friend of the family, who must be a married woman and have been herself presented at court, acts as sponsor.

Cripps for Canada and the U.S.

Definite plans are being made, it is understood, for Sir Stafford Cripps to visit Washington or Ottawa during the summer recess for new economic talks with Mr. J. W. Snyder, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Douglas Abbott, Canada's Finance Minister.

It is believed that the main emphasis of any new tripartite talks would be on the possibility of U.S. co-operation with the Commonwealth in long-range economic aid plans for South East Asia and other undeveloped areas of the world, a subject which prominently includes the future of our sterling balances.

It was agreed at the last Three-Power talks on the dollar crisis in Washington last September that there should be a new get-together this year on the general economic situation.

Another very important matter which might well be discussed would be the progress being made in the economic integration of Europe with the rest of the sterling area, and also the relations between the sterling area and the dollar area.

New appointment

One of Mr. Bevin's closest advisers during the last five years, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who was recently appointed to succeed SirAlexander Cadogan as Britain's representative on the UN Security Council, this summer, is understood to be earmarked for a new key appointment.

Proposals have been drafted by the Foreign Ministers' deputies for a permanent Atlantic Executive Council to plan and co-ordinate Western policies.

It is learned that Sir Gladwyn has been provisionally chosen as the British Government's spokesman in this Atlantic Union "Cabinet" and the American choice will probably fall on Dr. Philip Jessup, senior policy planner at the State Department and until recently President Truman's Ambassador-at-Large.

The Council, to which the Foreign Ministers would delegate executive powers, is expected to function from New York.

Consul-General

Dr. Hans Schlange-Schoeningen, who has just taken up his duties as Germany's first post war Consul-General in London will need all his statesman's qualities in his new task. With Anglo-German relations long bedevilled, trade matters in particular will present him with some pretty problems.

A key man in West Germany's economy as chief of Food and Agriculture, he ably piloted the region through one food crisis after another, although constantly subjected to bitter leftwing attack. His name is odd; "Schlange", in German, means "snake", or "Queue", and this was turned to good use by his political opponents. In the days of rationing and inadequate calories the second meaning had a cynically apt ring.

Tall and leather-faced, with heavy eyebrows, Dr. Schlange is a former cavalry officer and member of the Reichstag.

London is not the first post offered to him. In February he was appointed Consul-General in America. After a lengthy dispute between the Bonn Government, who wanted him in Washington (thinking no doubt in term of future ambassadorial status) and the U.S. Government, who maintained that New York, the commercial capital, was the place for a Consul, he declined the honour.

Coal warning

The grave situation in our national industry has been stated with grim frankness in a Press interview by Lord Hyndley.

The chairman of the National Coal Board declares that output is still falling, in spite of new machinery and re-organisation. Absenteeism is still very serious, and is, in fact, the cause of the critical situation.

Britain must have a minimum of 5,000,000 tons more coal this summer if she is to maintain her industrial drive, and still more if she is not to lose existing coal markets abroad.

Britain could, if only she had it, sell up to 40,000,000 tons of coal to foreigners instead of the 19,000,000 realised that year.

Lord Hyndley appeals to miners to make every week a "bull" week, and to realise that the country's security depends on their whole hearted efforts.

Life's work

Canadians are soon to see a perfect set of replicas of the Crown jewels. They are to be shown at the International Trade Fair at Toronto. What the admirers of these imitations may not know is that a life's work went into their creation.

They are the work of elderly Mr. Charles Elston, a Stockton-on-Tees antique dealer. It took him 15 years to complete the imitations. The "jewels" are now in London ready for shipment to Canada.

For Mr. Elston, the work involved countless hours in the Tower of London, studying the originals. The imitation gems he used are exact counterparts of the real ones, gathered from all over the world. It took him, for instance, three years to find a copy of the Great Star of Africa, which is embodied in the sceptre.

Three crowns which he had duplicated alone contain over 1,100 stones. And he unearthed a sword used at Waterloo and turned it into a Sword of State with 1,000 jewels.

Road menace

Under the heading, "Do You Know" the Pedestrians' Association is issuing a leaflet with succinct advice to all drivers using the roads of this country.

Justification for this urgent propaganda is afforded by the startling fact that last year an average of 106 children were killed or injured on British roads every day. The general situation is black enough.

Last year's road casualties totalled 176,779 persons, a 15 per cent increase on the previous year's figures. Deaths numbered 4,773, an increase of 200. Perhaps the worst fact of all is that the total of 43,410 seriously injured was an increase of 10,343, which is equivalent to 32 per cent.

The Transport Ministry's statement that child deaths were reduced from 1,035 to 935 suggested an improvement. But the Ministry withheld the statement that the total of injured children rose from 33,000 to 38,000.

LONDON LETTER

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Future of Hong Kong

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO: According to an agency report, the liberation of Hong Kong is on the Chinese Communists' programme. Is this true? If so, when will they pursue the liberation? In our opinion, the answer can only be in the distant future.

This, however, does not mean that the Chinese Communists have no such plans. The only thing which is holding them back is the fact that they have their hands full with domestic problems.

Also, while dealing with their internal problems, they must depend on Hong Kong for the supplies they need and for using it to dispose of their exports.

Another factor is that once in their hands, Hong Kong will become a liability rather than an asset to them. Then there is the possibility of being involved in an international war should they try to liberate Hong Kong immediately.

We are, therefore optimistic. But whether or not the Chinese Communists, flushed with victory and prodded by the Soviet, would attempt a fait accompli depends mainly on what decisions the British Government and the United States make.

Local cinema

WEN WEI PAO: There are at least six big movie film production companies in Hong Kong with an output of 60 pictures a year. Hong Kong is regarded as the Hollywood of the East.

Now this Hollywood is to be restricted from producing so-called Communist tinted films. Among the locally-produced movie pictures, screened in Hong Kong since the beginning of the year, not a single so-called Communist-tinted film has been found.

Hong Kong producers are fond of making pictures of fairy tales.

There is no doubt that some progressive workers do not want to help produce senseless and demoralising pictures under shameless producers, directors and stars.

This is due to their conscience and their willingness to uphold their dignity. They are free men and can make their own decisions.

It is indeed regrettable that we are still not able to see pictures produced in the liberated areas. The "Democratic North East", a production of the Manchurian Film Company, was not permitted to be shown in Hong Kong last year.

We recommend that a representative of the British Council visit certain theatres in Hong Kong and see for himself the type of pictures shown there.

Diplomatic relations

WAH KIU YAT PO: Four months have elapsed since Britain recognised the People's Central Government at Peking, but establishment of diplomatic relations has not been achieved. The talks in Peking have virtually reached deadlock.

Britain's recognition of the new Chinese regime was motivated by her wish to preserve British economic and commercial interests in China and to obtain an assurance regarding the security of Hong Kong and Malaya.

The Chinese Communist occupation of the China mainland has practically destroyed all British economic and commercial interests in China and today there is very little left of investments originally valued at US$1,000,000,000.

So, even if diplomatic relations are established soon, Britain's first reason for extending recognition cannot be achieved. Her second also seems far from realisation as there have been reports that the new Chinese Government is pressing Britain to make some concessions regarding Malaya and Hong Kong.

Under these circumstances, we see no reason at all for Britain to continue talks on the recognition issue.

Rich in strategic resources, Malaya is just the place the Communist bloc would desire to possess. The question of Hong Kong, a key position in China's economy, also cannot be lightly dismissed by the Chinese Communists. As such, it is improbable that the Communists would give an assurance for the security of these two places.

It is also not likely that Britain would make any concession regarding them.

The "talk" of diplomatic relations between Britain and Communist China is "talk" covered with thorns. Only a miracle can give the negotiations a favourable turn.

Japanese expansion

SING TAO JIH PAO: Hong Kong's cotton spinning industry is threatened by the continued expansion of Japan's trade.

The only way to meet this competition is for Hong Kong's Chinese manufacturers to secure the sincere co-operation of Chinese importers and exporters if they really wish to develop their industry.

Above all importers and exporters should place national interests above private gain.

Manufacturers should try their utmost to develop markets in China through adjusting their products to suit the needs and overall production programme of China.

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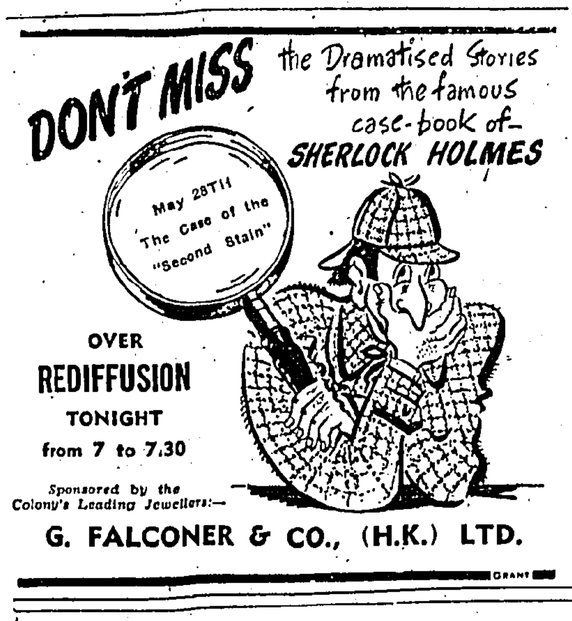
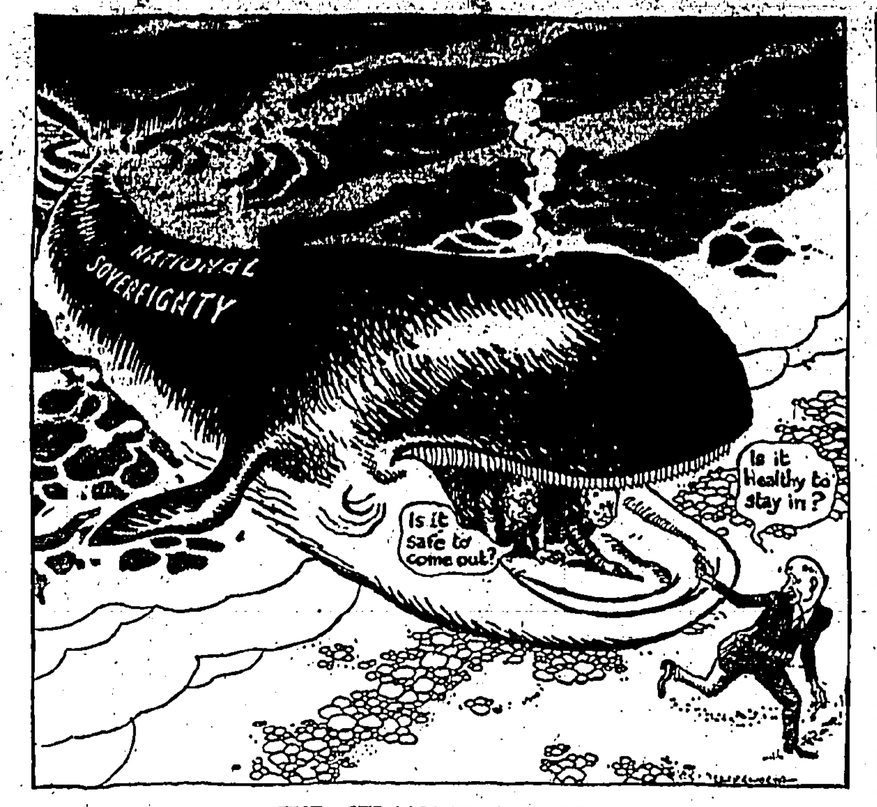




THE STRANDED WHALE

Chuter Ede may succeed Ernest Bevin

London, May 26.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, is being tipped by London political quarters as a possible successor for the Foreign Secretaryship if indifferent health should compel Mr. Ernest Bevin to resign.

Mr. Chuter Ede is a Labour Party right-winger and on foreign policy is generally regarded as a "Bevinist."

Mr. Bevin himself has no present intention of relinquishing office, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, does not want to lose him from the Foreign Office unless health compels him to go.—Reuter.

Britain asked to join steel pool

Paris, May 26.

The French Government yesterday sent an invitation to Britain to join the negotiations to set up a Western European steel and coal pool.

This invitation crossed an offer made spontaneously by the British Government to the French Government to send observers to Franco-German negotiations about the pool.

The trouble is that what the French propose in their invitation and what Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, offers to M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, are not quite the same thing.

Mr. Bevin's offer, it was learned at the French Foreign Office, says that the British Government is in favour of direct Franco-German consultations and suggests that Britain should send observers to sit in on the Franco-German talks.

The French invitation sent to London yesterday and to the Italian, Belgian, Dutch, Luxembourg and West German Governments several days earlier asks the Governments to signify their agreement to begin negotiations on the basis of the principles outlined in M. Robert Schuman's declaration of May 9.

French Government circles today welcomed Mr. Bevin's offer as a sign that the British Government did not intend to stand aside from the pool plan.

But, at the same time, it was pointed out that to send observers without first accepting the principle was considered here as not conforming with the terms of M. Schuman's declaration and the subsequent French invitation.

Diplomatic officials here hoped the British Government would go a step further after considering the French Government's invitation. In that case, it was said here, the negotiations were expected to begin about the middle of June.—Reuter.

PEKING PICKS ON THAILAND

San Francisco, May 26.

The Chinese Communist radio charged that an old Chinese herb planter was killed in the outskirts of Bangkok by the Thai police when he was "brutally dragged on the ground." Many other overseas Chinese in Thailand were arrested, the radio claimed.

It said the herb planters "were persecuted because they were unwilling to be driven out of their herb gardens on which they depended for their living. This atrocious act of the Thailand authorities has called forth the sharp indignation of the overseas Chinese in Bangkok."

The radio had previously accused Thailand of numerous instances of "atrocities" to Chinese residents in the kingdom.—United Press.

EMPIRE VIEWS ON THE JAP TREATY VEERING TO U.S. STANDPOINT

Washington, May 26.

Reliable Commonwealth sources said today that the conference of Commonwealth experts on a proposed Japanese peace treaty showed a definite trend to the U.S. State Department viewpoint and away from the stand taken at the Commonwealth conference in Canberra in 1947.

They explained that the Canberra conference provided for stringent inspection and safeguards in regard to Japanese industry after a peace treaty was signed. This was to assure that Japan would not be a menace again.

The safeguards, for instance, would have applied to the types of shipping Japan would be allowed to build.

However, the London conference modified this view considerably. It was remarkable for the detached viewpoint of the British delegates, who apparently no longer insisted on setting up any regulations for inspecting the Japanese potential war industry after a peace treaty.

Despite urgings of Lancashire cotton interests, the British delegates made no proposals to curb the Japanese textile industry. The British Government is now so involved in the defence of Europe that it does not want to assume any responsibilities in the Far East and is inclined to leave that to the United States.

The London conference ended last Thursday and its results sent to the Commonwealth Governments for study before being communicated to the State Department. However, sources here understood that the British Foreign Office has outlined them to the United States Embassy in London.

Before the conference took place the State Department transmitted its viewpoint on certain matters regarding a peace treaty. The most outstanding point seemed to be reluctance of the United States to impose security enforcements in Japan after a treaty is signed.

Milder stand

Apparently the State Department believes Japan is at present completely disarmed and that once it has regained its sovereignty there should be non-interference in Japan's internal affairs.

The Australian and New Zealand delegates at London took a milder stand than at Canberra as they today apparently only want security inspection of Japanese potential armament industry, synthetic industry and potential shipbuilding capacity. They seemed to belittle the chance of their desires being met in the peace treaty unless the United States agreed to minimum safeguards, but the State Department's present view seemed to make that unlikely.

There was no agreement among the experts as to how Japan should be defended once a peace treaty is signed. A number of alternative proposals were submitted to the Governments for study. These included a suggestion for a United States guarantee to defend Japan against aggression, and another for United States troops remaining in Japan as security forces.

The sources said that at least one Commonwealth nation did not object to Japan having armed forces to defend herself.—United Press.

"JAPAN AMERICAN COLONY"

London, May 26.

Moscow Radio broadcast today an article in the Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" by Professor Konstantin Popov which charged that the United States was colonising Japan.

"The United States has turned the question of reparations into one of the forms of colonising Japan and is also carrying out in Japan for its own ends a series of undertakings to create a vantage ground for American capital," said Moscow Radio.

The "Izvestia" article said General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Japan had brought pressure on the Japanese Government to revise legislation to the United States' advantage.

"In the field of Commerce and industry, the Japanese Government has repealed all laws which might impede new expansion of American capital," it said. By the beginning of this year, it claimed, American investments in Japan totalled US$2,500,000,000.

"According to American reckoning, such an enormous Wall Street investment in Japanese economy will ensure a substantial income within the next five years".

The United States planned to use Japan as its strategic springboard in the Far East, and Japanese ruling circles harboured hopes of utilising war for the realisation of their plans for revenge. It added that, in addition to gold stocks, the United States had acquired the most valuable of Japan's technical secrets and patents, especially in the line of war production.

"Izvestia" also charged that the United States was transferring Japan's gold stocks to Indo-China and Thailand as part of the United States' programme for economic aid to South East Asia. It added: "The United States is using Japanese gold reserves at its own discretion. Contrary to the decision of the Far Eastern Commission, the U.S. has transferred to Thailand 40 tons of gold from Japanese stocks."—United Press.

NEW GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA

Paris, May 26.

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia has asked his uncle, Prince Monipong to form a government of national union, Agence France Presse reported from Saigon today.

Prince Monipone has begun his consultations and is expected to form his Cabinet soon, the Agency said.

King Norodom Sihanouk recently took over the Government himself after local political parties failed to agree on a programme and a Premier.—Reuter.

CEYLON'S CALL FOR PEACE

Colombo, May 26.

The Ceylon Prime Minister, Mr. Don Senanayake, issued a call for international peace when he welcomed here today delegates from 27 countries, including Britain and the United States, gathered to inaugurate a world fellowship of Buddhists.

Addressing a mass meeting, he said, "We stand for building up a post-war society on a foundation of peace and we wish to cooperate with all other nations in this.

"It gives me great pride to send out this call for peace from Ceylon".

Ceylon acknowledged her debt to Burma and Siam, from which they had been able to kindle afresh the light of Buddha.

The improvement of the condition of the people formed part of all religions, he declared.

India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, in a message of greeting to the conference, said that it was his earnest wish that their neighbours should lead people to think more about the teachings of Buddha and try to live up to them.

"Today we pass from crisis to crisis", he added, "Evil cannot be conquered by evil, but by good. It is at this time, more than at any other time, that it is necessary to think of the basic truth that Budda taught".

The Burmese premier, Thakin Nu, sent a message in which he traced the history of Buddhism, saying, "We should endeavour to keep the light of the 'The One' in every country for the benefit and happiness of all mankind."

Messages were also received from the Dutch Circle of Friends of Buddhism and from Swiss and German Buddhists.

Ceylon's Minister of Health, Mr. S.W.R.D. Banderanaike, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Ceylon Buddhist Congress.

The conference, at which nearly all Asian countries are represented, will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

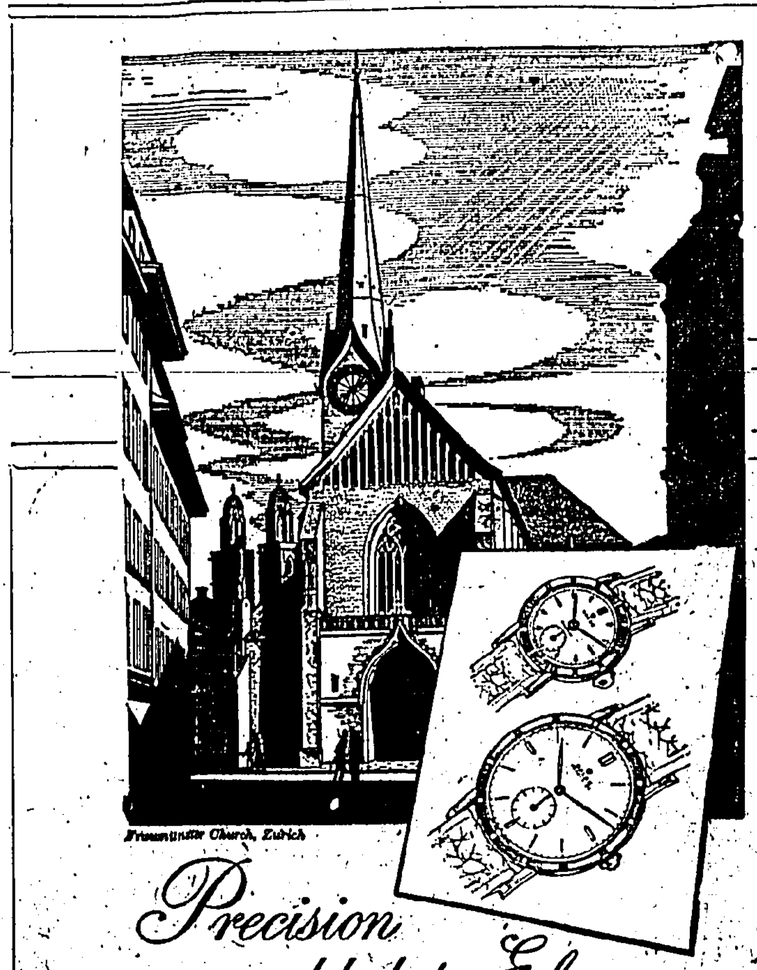
UNESCO SESSION ON CHINA

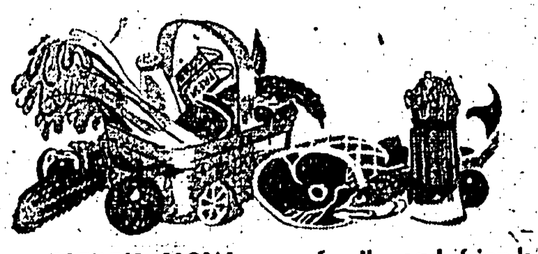
Florence, May 26.

A special plenary session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation is likely to be held on Tuesday to deal with the question of Nationalist China.

The initial plenary session of UNESCO's annual meeting in Florence ended today following three days of frequently bitter debate over Nationalist China's right to seat its delegation because the status of the Chinese remains unsettled. However, it was believed that the conference's Credential Committee would ask for a special plenary meeting on Tuesday so that a decision would be reached.

The full conference, it is expected, will then be informed of a Committee recommendation asking that the Nationalists be seated at the Florence meeting and that Lake Success be asked to give UNESCO an overall directive on the question.—Associated Press.

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ABLE SEAMAN By HOLT

Take good note, Mr. Strachey of the

"I reckon they're angling to get our vote next time, Bert!"

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

The little maids of Gilbert and Sullivan who all unwary came from a ladies' seminary —freed from their duties tutelary—have not much in common with the young ladies of this year of grace.

I mean the little maids who are now bursting upon the London season like a bouquet of flowers. They may not be exactly wary, but their kitten-eyes are wide open.

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Take our two young ladies — 17-year-old Islay Sismey and 18-year-old Annabel Pennington.

Both girls have studied shorthand and typing, both have been to Tours to learn French. And both were presented at the Garden Party of May 4.

To talk with Islay (it's pronounced Ila) I called on her godmother, Mrs. Christine West, who presented her.

Mrs. West was a deb. of 1931. What is the difference between then and now? I asked.

Well, Mrs. West told me, when she was 17 she certainly never planned a definite career. She had a vague idea she'd like to own an antique shop, but never seriously tried, and got married instead (no offence meant, Brigadier West!). Whereas Islay has already fixed herself a job looking after a child in a Paris family, she starts work in September.

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She wants to perfect her French before applying for a post as a secretary. Meanwhile, this Miss 1950 gets up early — parties or no parties — helps in the house and deals with godmother Christine's correspondence.

A natural shyness is hidden behind a ready smile and graceful manners. She was disturbed that I wanted to write about her. "I am no different from most of the other debs," she said.

So I went to see Annabel Pennington and her mother in a charming drawing-room overlooking Hyde Park. Mrs Pennington, as Veronica Morley, was famous as a debutante of 1937.

Asked if she had ever considered getting a job at that age. Mrs. Pennington laughted. "My family would have looked at me in astonishment and asked what on earth could I DO?" she said.

Annabel can do plenty, however, I doubt if she knows it, but she walks so beautifully and has such a little waist that she could probably be a model if she hadn't planned to go into the Foreign Office.

She can cook, and she can also sew; she is making her own dress —a cloud of white tulle with a strapless top — to wear at the Queen Charlotte's Ball next Thursday.

On Miss Pennington's mantelpiece I counted 40 invitation cards.

There will be fork luncheons and private dances, organised dinner parties before the dances (the hostess in charge sees them safely home), and girls' tea parties. These last are the custom rather than the pleasure.

Then, of course, there is Ascot; the Eton and Harrow match at Lord's; the Caledonian Ball; and so on.

Were they allowed to go to night clubs? I asked. "We were not in our day," said the mothers. But now a place like the "400" Club is considered perfectly respectable for these girls so long as they are in a party."

Annabel's mother remarked that while she believed in youth having some fun and freedom from care, she thought it wrong to allow girls to grow up in this day and age without having a constructive future in mind. An opinion given weight by two elder daughters, of 21 and 19, both in jobs.

The Misses Sismey and Pennington are only two among the many debs who have found it as natural to prepare to take their place in the world as it is to grow up.

Among the others is pretty Serena Sheffield, who hopes to take up interior decorating; the Hon. Anne Bridgman, and Miss Carola Marlowe, who have qualified as shorthand typists.

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There is nothing remarkable today in a young girl setting out on a career — it is almost universal. Only there is a tendency to jeer at traditions even while subscribing to them.

Simply because a girl is in the pleasant position of being presented, there are those who would like to slap her down as a useless social butterfly. We have a Royal Family and we are fond of them; because it isn't practical for all to do so, is nobody to meet them?

Besides social butterflies are out of date: they no longer exist.

Fortunately, youth and beauty cannot be subdued for long. At the beginning of this column I said the kitten-eyes of these debs were open. So they are.

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They know how to dress for their age, and how to use make-up — sparingly, but well. They have a clear aim and object in life, but they are only kittens for all that, and it's natural for kittens to play.

Furthermore, nobody can deny they look most entrancing while they are playing.

They will have just about three months till September for a round of parties and careless gaiety — after that most of them will settle down to a job of work.

Let us lean over the balcony and watch them dance. . . . And may he or she who has never been 17 throw the first stone. Or should it be a sour grape?

"It's a pity you didn't see me! Wedding rings are one of my sidelines!"

NIGHTMARE OF MALAYA

By Gerrard Barry

An armoured convoy moves out of the Malayan village of Karak on to the narrow ribbon of the Mentakab road that runs into the heart of Pahang state.

A white man, a planter, is going back to his rubber estate in the heart of the jungle, where not a yard of the tangled ground is safe.

Communist-trained bandits lie in ambush. Every day two or three incidents occur—shots from the dark woods, or sudden raids by elusive men desperate for blood.

Hard-faced men scan the forbidding scenery. Round the next corner a great Chengal tree may block the road where cut telephone wires lie tangled on the ground.

Then your finger must be quick on the trigger, for it is your life or theirs. As the convoy stops the shots ring out. There is a sudden skirmish — and then silence.

Another incident is over.

But the tension does not lessen as the convoy moves on, then turns up a narrow road that fronts the planter's estate.

Planter's home is fortress

There, at the end of the road, stands a wooden bungalow, solitary on a hill-top. And in that bungalow, now a small fortress, lives the lone planter, wrapped around by jungle.

If an attack comes, he may hold out until help arrives. But perhaps help will not come.

Even in the happy days of peace, Malaya was a bad country for nerves — that is why the medical authorities insist on long periods of leave at home.

Even in peace-time, the planter's job was a man's job. It is the same tough job to-day, but it has to be done with a revolver or Sten gun always at the ready and the fear of death pervading 24 hours of every day.

There is a war on. The enemy's objective is to destroy the economy of the country. The planter is a lone key-man of the small unit of that economy which is his estate. He is, therefore, a marked man. And there are only a few hundred of them throughout the country.

His day's work begins at six or seven in the morning when he leaves his bungalow for the plantation, with his bodyguard and the Sten gun.

His workers are several hundred Tamil Indian labourers, who live on the estate with their wives and children. They are a timid people. The planter must nurse their morale.

He must not flinch

If they panic and break that is the end of rubber planting for us in Malaya.

The boss must not flinch as he trudges along his jungle boundary. He must make his inspection. In cool-headed detail, even though he knows that the gangster's submachine gun may spit suddenly from the jungle; even though he fears the sudden swoop that means captivity.

As he walks along the fringe of the jungle his headman produces the latest crop of rumours of new attacks. Always they are wildly exaggerated, but generally they have a core of truth. The planter must damp down their terrorising effect, while inwardly he worries about which of his friends has "had it" this time.

His work finishes a tour at five p.m. In the old days he could have tumbled into his car, driven 15 miles to the tawdry little club which is his "local."

Not so now. It would involve a military operation. Now he switches on his radio, feels homesick when he hears Wilfred Pickles, has a few drinks, and turns in after a lonely dinner.

And perhaps during the night he will be visited by the "silent hour." It comes around two o'clock when he wakes with a start, and begins to toss sleeplessly, damp with the heavy night heat, in a bungalow filled with strange sounds.

Timbers creak. There is a sudden patter of rats or wild cats across the planks of the ceiling. Small lizards chirp piercingly as they flurry up the walls. And every sound peoples his imagination with strange thoughts.

Outside the bungalow the nerve-racking drone of bull-frogs fills the night air. Suddenly it stops dead and the shock of the silence is worse than the noise.

An unidentified sound jerks him up in bed. What was it? He sinks back, cursing his nerves, as his dog shuffles in.

'Malaya is long way away'

Malay police move and whisper. A searchlight sweeps round. Then there is silence and darkness again.

And all the time, day by tormented day, the planter becomes angrier and more hurt. He searches his irregular newspapers for the news that will settle his nerves and his country—and he does not find it.

It seems to him that the people back home don't care, and the sweating, angry planter feels like shouting: "Malaya is vital to you. On Malaya hang your food and your pay and your job."

He feels like yelling: "Don't you know that America last year bought goods worth 370,000,000 Malayan dollars *more* than they sold? And that means the 'dollar gap' the economists are always talking about was closed by that much."

If the bandits win, or the planters and miners break, the flow of tin and rubber will cease. Valuable dollars will go down the drain.

Is it any wonder that they are saying freely in the clubs:

"Let's shut down all work all over Malaya for a month. To the devil with producing rubber, tin, and dollars. Let's get into the jungle ourselves and clean up the mess."

Or: "This floundering campaign is costing £30,000 a day. Multiply the rewards for killing bandits three, five, even ten times, and it will still save money. That's the solid language Chinese will understand."

'Send plenty of Commandos'

Or again: "Why don't they enlist a 'Commonwealth Legion' of ex-Commando men? And plenty of them—one regiment is not enough. Make this a major campaign, and end it. The prize would be worth it."

The planter will not break, but he might be beaten by force of arms. He wants more troops, more guns, more determined action against the bandits who kill by night and day.

He knows he cannot get them without the full backing of Parliament and public opinion in Britain. He is not sure if he has that backing.

He would not openly accuse you and me of letting him down. But in that "silent hour" he lies awake and wonders.

A holiday in Spain

With summer almost at hand every country is tourist-minded but few countries can be "preparing" for the holiday as carefully as Spain.

Apart from the usual accommodation preparations and the lastminute coat of paint on public buildings, a Municipal Order signed by the mayor of Madrid has just banned all beggars from the streets.

"Begging" states the Order, "is a spectacle incompatible with the prestige of a great city."

Although this is not the first time that begging has been officially banned in the City, it is certainly the first time that the question has been dealt with so severely.

For some time past, beggars have been becoming more and more of a nuisance. During the recent winter, no public place was without its small clique of beggars and when the weather was at its worst they began boldly to visit houses and flats asking for food and shelter.

Now, writes William Stuttard, the new Order gives the police strict instructions to see that every beggar is cleared from the streets before the first tourists arrive. No-one suggests where the beggars are to go but no doubt they themselves have their own plans for "cashing-in" on the holiday season!

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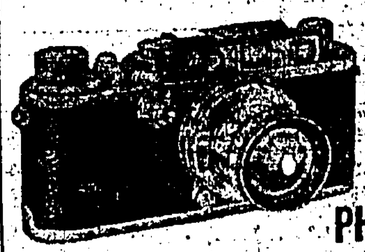

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New Urban Council member

Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee, one of the leaders of the Indian community in Hong Kong, was appointed on Friday to the Urban Council.

The son of Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, he was born in Hong Kong, and educated at St. Joseph's College. He was recently elected Vice-President of that institution's alumni association.

Young Mr. Ruttonjee is well-known in Hong Kong's international community. He has been interested in the promotion of social work from youth, and has sat on various committees.

Like his father, he is vitally concerned in the suppression of tuberculosis in the Colony, and people still recall that it was he who finally persuaded the elder Mr. Ruttonjee to write out the cheque which made the establishment of the Ruttonjee Sanatorium possible.

He is a director of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Hong Kong.

Mr. Ruttonjee is the scion of a distinguished Indian family—the Ruttonjees have been identified with social welfare work in the Colony for many years.

He goes everywhere—the races most of all, as he is particularly fond of horses, and the excitement that follows a bet.

Still comparatively young, he enjoys going to cocktail parties, receptions, outings, and with his Chinese-Canadian wife, gives quite a few of his own.

Mr. Ruttonjee brings to his new task a fresh outlook, and I expect that members of the Urban Council were quite aware of this when they invited him to join them.

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A musical family

Mr. George Lin, a member of the Hong Kong Rotary Club and owner of an import-export agency bearing his name, is the head of a remarkable family.

His wife, sons, brother and sister are all musically inclined. He himself plays the violin; Richard Lin, his brother, sings; Anna Lin, his sister, plays the piano; Mrs. Lin also plays the violin, viola and piano; George, the eldest son, plays the clarinet; Sandy, the youngest, the violin, and Fritz, another son the 'cello.

All of them also play the piano.

Mr. Lin has this advantage over many Hong Kong hosts—when he gives a party he is always able to announce on the cards that a concert will follow the dinner, not a concert on records, but one provided by his own family.

To my knowledge Mr. Lin's family is the only one in the Colony able to boast such a galaxy of musical talent. Most families here have a son or a daughter who plays the piano, the violin, or sings. But they are usually unable to provide a concert requiring the mixture of several instruments at the same time.

A week ago Mr. and Mrs. Lin entertained at dinner which was followed by a recital. The guests received it with surprise. The quality of the playing was exceptional, and the occasion to most of them was quite unique.

MR. GEORGE LIN

Many were reminded of that family which once lived at Wimpole Street—the Barretts. It, too, enjoyed the distinction of being different from others. The family provided exquisite concerts, to which many eminent Londoners were drawn, including Robert Browning, who finally married Elizabeth Barrett. Mr. Lin tells me that so far his family has not produced a poet, but that may come.

George and Fritz Lin, who are 16 and 14 respectively are members of the Sino-British Orchestra. Anna Lin, the pianist, has also appeared with the same musical group; so, too, has Richard Lin the tenor.

Mr. George Lin, as head of this exceptional family, conducts the orchestra. He directs the ensemble, and is very painstaking at rehearsals.

According to him, the family takes naturally to music. There was no attempt on his part to channel taste in this direction so as to emerge with a musical unit, like certain English sportsmen who periodically announce their intention of producing a "football team in the family."

He was born in Tsingtao and was educated in Shanghai. After completing his studies in the Northern metropolis he went to America to obtain his Master degree at the University of Southern California.

Mr. Lin is now residing permanently in Hong Kong, where he has a large business.

Their repertoire is not light or flippant. They prefer serious music. Mr. Lin is constantly striving for eventual perfection.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

Mrs. Lin is a graduate of the University of Shanghai, and combines in her person graciousness as a hostess with tact and understanding as a wife.

They live in a fine house in Kowloon with a garden, pretty chintz curtains, amid comfortable and artistic surroundings. Almost every evening when their neighbours hear them playing or rehearsing, they will say: "There go the Lins again! Goodness, they're playing Beethoven today!"

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Patron of the arts

One of the most colourful personalities in the Chinese community of Hong Kong is a gentleman who years ago renounced Western garments because it suddenly occurred to him that Chinese clothes were more practical.

He is Mr. Ma Man-fei, a director of companies, patron of the arts, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Hong Kong Reform Club.

Mr. Ma is a man who, once seen, is always remembered. He is distinctive, strikingly original, from the affectation of poverty which is one of his main weaknesses to the little beard which, growing two inches beyond the chin, accentuates a face reminiscent of the pottery engravings of Kiukiang.

Talking to him is a wonderful experience because Mr. Ma combines in his person several paradoxes. His clothes, attitude, behaviour, all proclaim that here is a man who deplores the preference for Western clothes entertained by so many young Chinese who seek to achieve modernity.

More than most people he gives the impression that this modernity is an unwholesome trend, that if he could he would sweep the shirt, the jacket and the cylindrical trousers out of existence, and replace them with the Chinese robes of Old Peking.

And yet when he talks about books, music, the arts—he displays such erudition that you feel compelled to say, what manner of man is this? He knows so much about London, New York, relatively inconsequential things like the excitement of a climb up the Statue of Eros—who could he be?

In his heart I feel Mr. Ma is secretly thrilled by the chain of reactions he sets in motion every time he makes an appearance, whether public or private. He likes being different, being mistaken for a poor man when his family virtually owns one of the largest department stores here, being mistaken for a bore when his conversation is invariably brilliant, being taken for a dyed-in-the-wool Chinese when his English is faultless, his accent Oxfordian, his outlook anything but Eastern.

But he is not a superficial man. He is deeply concerned with constitutional reform in Hong Kong, is inherently philosophical and usually in deadly earnest about everything.

He was brought up as a Christian, but now, in middle life, has reverted to the teachings of Chinese sages of the past which he feels are more suited to the peculiar needs of this country. He finds Christianity, somewhat aggressive and intolerant— missionaries, essentially, seem to him at a loss to explain the denominational differences which warp their approach as a whole.

On the question of constitutional reform for Hong Kong he is most touchy. To him the delaying of changes in the government here is dangerous and short-sighted.

Discussing this with me the other day, Mr. Ma said that for years Hong Kong has conducted its affairs with virtually no thought for the future, more or less on the basis that so long as the government across the border is unpopular things here will be all right. But what will happen when the government across the border finally achieves popularity, as it eventually must according to the law of averages?

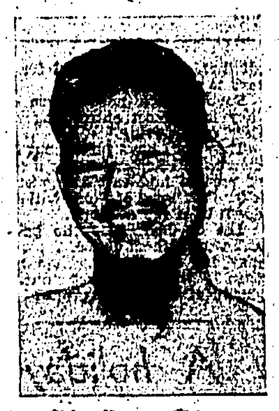
His point is that any constitutional reform is better than no reform at all, that the masses will be satisfied if they are convinced that more representative rule is finally on the way. He shares Voltaire's classic argument that reform is after all not a matter of declaration but degree.

Mr. Ma knows more about English poetry than most Chinese in Hong Kong. He is able to put his finger on most of the Byronic quotations. He admires Shelley and places Keats on a level with Shakespeare—in fact, he agrees with Louis Untermeyer that poetically Keats is the greater man.

In music and the visual arts he is an acknowledged connoisseur. It depresses him to visit galleries where paintings are incorrectly hung, and he suffers acutely when radio station operators take more than one second to change the sides of a record in the midst of a symphony or concerto.

An affected man? He is very much that. Sincere? Yes, quite. Chinese? ..... I don't know.

His beard was allowed to grow because in London some years ago he decided it was silly to shave every morning. If the thing would grow, why interfere with the inevitable?



MR. MA MAN-FEI

He rejects the contention that because other people shave, he, Ma Man-fei, must do the same.

When I asked him if he had ever thought of Anglicising his name he looked annoyed. Why should he be George, or John Ma, or something equally commonplace when, by being Ma Man-fei, everybody would know whom they were talking about at once? Did any George or John Smith of England ever orientalise his name into Ho-wing Smith, for instance?

Let there be less of this assertion of unconscious domination and the world will be a happier place in which to live, Mr. Ma believes.

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Teaches dancing

Miss Jean Willis, whose husband is with the RAF in Hong Kong, has arrived from England to open a ballet school in the Colony. She does not regard the venture as a financial risk because appreciation of the ballet is enjoying a world-wide revival.

Her impression of Hong Kong is that ballet has a good chance of coming here to stay. The people, despite their burdensome domestic responsibilities, seem to her to have a capacity for the finer things of life.

Now 23 years of age, Miss Willis has danced all her life, first as a child in big Yuletide pantomimes, later for the forces in the Second World War.

She studied under a famous London teacher, Madame Ibbetson, who is fond of telling everyone that she is not Russian but quite definitely British. She it was who, together with Robert Helpmann, ended for all time the curious condition that only dancers with long Russian names could hope to succeed on the English ballet stage.

Miss Willis has had varied experiences in theatres all over the East, in Egypt, India, Ceylon and Singapore.

She experienced a great thrill the first time she performed for the troops when there was double among the ENSA company that

MISS JEAN WILLIS

ballet would go over well with men who had just left the trenches. It was thought they would prefer something racy, boisterous, and topical to a classical ballet rendered in the traditional style.

When the curtain went up on the bare stage and she emerged from a grove of willows to the strains of Tschaikowsky's "Swan Lake", a hush fell on the audience, who were immediately absorbed. At the end, when the last note had died and she faded from the scene like a flower-bank fades in a thickening mist, there was heavy applause. The audience, tired of grim realities, was entranced by the gossamer quality of the fairy-tale.

Miss Willis is not fond of the modern ballet, and her repertoire is strictly classical. She feels that tradition stops with Stravinsky—that "The Firebird", although haunting in parts, does not approach either "Giselle" or "Les Sylphides" in the perfection or comprehensiveness of its ethereal design.

"Swan Lake" is to her the loveliest of all the ballets she has ever performed. She did this with Anton Dolin in London one year, and never recovered from the pleasant shock when one evening in the waltz movement she clicked her heels six times in the air after a leap from his arms. Pavlova, at the height of her powers, never clicked more than 10 times in any one leap. Pavlova was satisfied with eight.

Ballet, she believes, is the most expressive of all forms of dancing. It is undoubtedly the most inspiring and the most graceful.

Isadora Duncan once said of the ballet that it was the food of her soul. She died mad, pining in her retreat at Nice when the world had virtually forgotten her; but the fire, once kindled, would not expire, so every morning she would flit through the air, draped in the Grecian folds which never left her in those last dark days, pirouetting before an audience of crows.

Satisfies her audience

Miss Dora Chih's first independent recital this year was given at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Friday evening before a large and discriminating audience.

Her singing was well-received. The programme was divided into four parts, each one devoted to a selection of songs in a distinctive language — Chinese, English, French and Italian.

MISS DORA CHIH

The highlight of the recital was her rendition of the "Mad Scene" from "Lucia di Lammermoor" the ironic story which an Italian composer took from the wandering tales of Scott.

It was cleverly done, with full intonation, and a precise tabulation of the tricky score. The notes were not jumbled, as so many sopranos are wont to do when, after two or three sessions, they feel up to the standards of Donizetti.

Miss Chih, who is Mrs. Spingaerd in her non-professional career, was born in Peking and studied in Shanghai under Maestro Paci, the late conductor of the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra.

In addition to her voice, which is rich, and tremulous—perhaps a paradoxical assortment of words, but that is the way it strikes me—Miss Chih cuts a striking figure on the stage.

She has poise and stature. She displays no nervousness, and sings with conviction. Her range is powerful, and her language discernible, even though leading sopranos have always insisted that discernibility is not important because voice is the main thing.

Miss Chih plans a tour of Japan soon and will later go to Canada to complete her training.

She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Mabel Quon. Professor Harry Ore participated in the programme with a few piano pieces.

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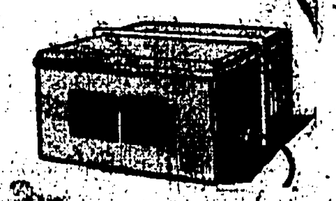

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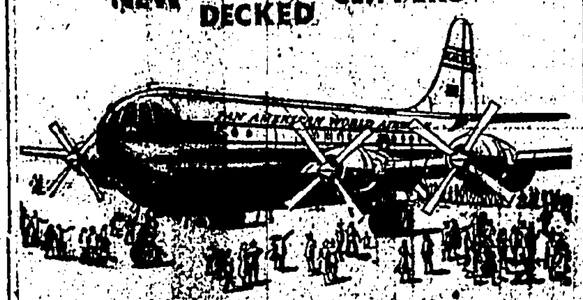

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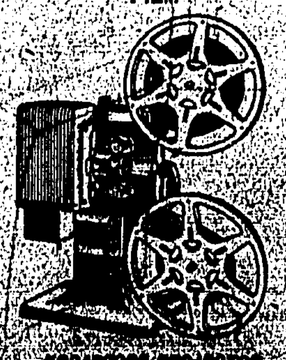

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NO. 2—KIDNAPPED FOR AN ACTOR

As he banged the front door behind him and set out for school on that mid-December morning in the year 1600 Tom Clifton had no idea of the strange adventure that awaited him in the streets of London.

It was less than a quarter of a mile's walk from his home in Great St. Bartholomew's to Christchurch Closter, the grammar school in Newgate. Every morning of term he made the same journey; he could never have guessed why on this particular day he was not to arrive.

Tom Clifton was 13 and he had "for a good space been taught and instructed in the grounds of learning and the Latin tongue." If his education was of the same standard as that of boys at such other London schools as St. Paul's, Westminster and Merchant Taylor's he would have a copy of Lily's Latin Syntax in his satchel, he would be struggling with Sallust and Ovid, and would just have started logic and rhetoric.

Whether his mind was apprehensively reviewing an ill-prepared passage in the *Metamorphoses* or, as is more likely, was ranging the high seas with Raleigh, one thing is fairly certain, Tom Clifton would have known little of one battle that was being waged in the town—the battle of the theatres. Certainly he could never have imagined it would so soon affect him.

Child rivals

London could boast four public theatres and many companies of actors. Only the year before Burbage had built the Globe on Bankside from the timber of the demolished theatre in Shoreditch, and during the summer had done well with "Henry V" and "Every Man Out of His Humour." As at the Globe, so at the Curtain, where Lord Derby's Men played, and at the Rose, the repertory theatre of the Admiral's Men in Southwark.

But now it was winter, and winter was a hard time for the actors. Open to the sky, public theatres could not possibly continue performances. For existence the actors must rely on their patrons and on occasional performances before the Court, in the Inns of Court, and at private houses. Rivalry was as bitter as the weather.

To make matters worse they were faced with a new rival—a rival with a comfortable, closed theatre in the City itself, a rival without need to pay adult actors' wages, a rival that staged intimate, colourful plays with music and masques. And it was a rival, what was more, under the direct patronage of the Queen herself.

This was the company of boy actors—the children of the Chapel Royal. Originally intended as a choir to follow the Court and sing at divine service, they had developed into actors. So popular were they that, just three and a half months before the morning of December 13 when Tom Clifton set out for school, a new, long lease had been taken out on a theatre for them in Blackfriars.

The professional actors were furious. To Shakespeare the children were "little eyases" and when Hamlet asks why the tragedians of the City need to "travel" Guildernstern replies that their reputation is still good but—

> "Y—faith,—my—lord,—novelty carries it away
>
> For the principal public audience that
>
> Come to them are turned to private plays
>
> And the humour of children."

'Bawdy fables'

And not only the actors. "Her Majesty's unfledged minions flaunt it in silks and satins," wrote a Puritan critic, while another described them as "pretty upstart youths" who "profane the Lord's Day by the lascivious writhing of their tender limbs and gorgeous decking of their apparel in feigning bawdy fable."

Perhaps the town liked seeing this lascivious writhing. Certainly they were crowding to the Blackfriars and prepared to pay a shilling admission, as opposed to a penny at the Globe, to watch the children who were now giving performances once a week.

Elizabeth's father, Henry VII, had laid it down that a dozen boys was to be the establishment of the Chapel Royal. This number was already inadequate; but, although the Queen had set her seal to a charter giving the Master of the Children the authority to "take up such apt and meet children as are most fitted to be instructed," it was far from easy to find boy actors.

They had to be well graced, possess the education to read and learn long, difficult parts, and had to have the voice to deliver them. In short, the children of gentlemen were needed. In a period when most gentlemen, however much they enjoyed the playhouse, regarded actors as rogues and vagabonds.

So it came about in December of 1600 that Nathaniel Giles, Master of the Children, and his two colleagues, Henry Evans, lessee of the theatre, and James Robinson found themselves with a play of 23 characters that they could not cast.

It had been written specially for the Blackfriars Theatre by Ben Jonson and was a lively and witty satire called "Cynthia's

"With great force and violence did seize and surprise him."

Revels." In the prologue Jonson had caught the whole essence of the private theatre with the phrase "Words above action; matter above words," and had several other telling thrusts at the public theatres.

Queen's orders

Nathaniel Giles chuckled as he read, and was determined to stage it. The trouble was the size of the cast; even with doubling. In one scene there were 20 people on the stage at the same time.

All unaware of these theatre problems, Tom Clifton was walking quietly and, we may suspect, slowly towards the school. Suddenly he was stopped by a man who "with great force and violence did seize and surprise him, and to (his) great terror and hurt (did) haul, pull, drag and carry him away."

The boy struggled against his captor who, though he did not know it until later, was James Robinson, but Robinson told him that he was acting with the Queen's orders and that if he did not obey him he would call a constable and have him arrested.

Thus were the managers of the Chapel Royal collecting their cast; and, as his father afterwards described it, Tom Clifton was thereupon taken to the theatre and compelled "to exercise the base trade of mercenary interlude player, to his utter loss of time, ruin, and disparagement."

Stage recruit

The Blackfriars Theatre, to which he was hauled, had been leased by Henry Evans for 21 years at £40 a year. It was part of the Priory House of the old monastery of the Black Friars which, after the dissolution by Henry VIII, had become private residences. The "frater-house" or dining-room of the monks on the second floor had been converted at considerable cost by Burbage into a theatre holding between 700 and 800 people.

It had not been built without objection. Blackfriars was a good residential area and the householders objected to having a common playhouse in the district. Plague precautions had banished all others outside the City limits. It had been allowed only after a petition (signed by, among others, Richard Field, Shakespeare's printer) had been sent to the Privy Council.

Tom Clifton found the Master of the Children a less formidable person than Robinson. Nathaniel Giles was, in fact, a graduate of Magdalen, Oxford, and an accomplished musician. Only just turned 40, he had been appointed to the Chapel Royal by the Queen three years before.

He sent the boy into the empty theatre where a rehearsal was taking place by candlelight, and Tom Clifton was surprised to find that a number of the young actors were very like himself. There was John Chapell, a scholar from the grammar school run by Mr. Spykes at Cripplegate; John Motteram, a Westminster scholar; and three other boys were, like himself, indentured to be apprentices when they were older.

One boy actor, younger by a year or two than himself, must have caught his attention as he was taking the important part of Anaides in the play. This was the already famous but ill-fated Salathiel Pavy, who played character parts and whom Jonson, on his death at the age of 13, was to describe as "the stage's jewel" in an epitaph which is one of the loveliest in the English language.

When his son did not arrive home from school that evening Henry Clifton, a rich country gentleman of Toftres in Norfolk, began to make inquiries, and at last succeeded in tracing him to the theatre. He demanded to see Nathaniel Giles and asked for his son. He wished him released immidiately.

This wish was refused. Furiously angry, Clifton said that unless his son was immediately brought to him he would complain to the Privy Council.

Giles, unmoved by the threat, said he could complain to whom he liked.

"It is not fit that a gentleman of my position should have his son and heir — his only son, at that — so basely used," shouted Clifton.

"We have authority sufficient to take any nobleman's son in this land," was the reply. "How else should we serve the Chapel with children?"

—Or the whip

This was not an idle boast. As early as 1585 the Queen had given the Chapel the power to obtain children, in every place in this our realm of England and Wales," and to Nathaniel Giles personally on his appointment she had granted letters patent "for the furnishing of our Chapel Royal with well singing children."

To show their confidence in their rights they even called for Tom Clifton and, there and then in front of his father, handed him a scroll of paper containing a part in the play. "Learn it by heart," he was ordered, and Evans was instructed to whip him if he disobeyed.

Clifton seeing further argument was useless, strode out of the theatre into Pipe Office-yard and so to Carter Lane and the house of Sir John Fortesque. Sir John was a member of the Privy Council and he listened carefully to the story that Clifton had to tell.

He had to weigh up the evidence carefully. An obvious wrong had been done, but the Queen's patent seemed unshakable. At last he decided to assume the privilge given him as the one-time superintendent of the young Elizabeth's studies. He issued Clifton with a warrant for the boy's release. Within 24 hours Tom Clifton was back in his home in Great St. Bartholomew's with a fine story to tell his anxious and admiring family.

Henry Clifton would not let the matter rest there. He spent best part of a year getting names and details of other boys who had been "wrongfully, unduly, and unjustly taken from schools of learning and other places" and then lodged a complaint in the Star Chamber.

With Sir John Fortesque as one of the judges the verdict might have been a foregone conclusion had not the Queen taken an unprecedented step. Exactly a fortnight after Clifton's complaint was lodged she paid a visit to the Blackfriars Theatre — the only known record of her attending a theatre outside the court.

The Royal wish

That was four days after Christmas, 1601, and when in the January or February of the following year the Star Chamber made its decree it is not too much to presume that it was modified to suit an unstated but clearly hinted Royal wish.

Only Evans, as lessee, seems to have been singled out and he was only "censured for his unorderly carriage and behaviour in taking up gentlemen's children against their wills to employ them for players."

For "other misdemeanours" his royal privileges in running the theatre were declared "utterly void." But this could hardly have mattered less. Evans had seen what might happen and had acted quickly.

In the previous October he had taken the precaution of assigning his interest in the theatre to his son-in-law, Alexander Hawkins. Hawkins took on three partners, and in the eyes of the town paid his father-in-law only 8s. a week as manager. But secretly he and Evans halved the profits.

"A number of the young actors were very like himself."

FLOWERS AND HIROSHIMA COPS

Hiroshima—Japan's first atom-bombed city—is recovering rapidly from war wounds.

So rapidly in fact that even such official bodies as the police have now time to devote their attention to normal everyday events such as flower shows.

Writing of these harmless post-war hobbies, correspondent Richard Hughes points out that Hiroshima's police force has recently formed a Flower Arrangement Society—and begun a weekly course in the study of classical flower arrangements.

Classes are held—no doubt due to the shortage of other accomodation—in Hiroshima's police mortuary and the pupils are policemen, who have nothing more important to do in their off-duty hours. Commenting on the scheme, the organiser, an old police sergeant, explains that by teaching the police how to arrange flowers, it is hoped that every police-box in Hiroshima will eventually have a bowl of flowers outside it.

In addition, as a special reward, the policeman with the best show of flowers outside his box will be allowed to go off duty two or three hours earlie than usual.

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DEATH

ABBASS—Hanie, third son of the late Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Abbass and brother of Gerald Abbass passed away suddenly yesterday at home. Funeral will pass the Monument today at 5 p.m.

THE PHILOSOPHERS PONDER

Mr. Trygve Lie said in London that his visit to Stalin had convinced him the United Nations offered the only solution to the cold war. He ventured no assurance that it could succeed, but apparently his talks in Moscow—which must have included a few home truths—were not wholly useless. At the same time the Indian scholar Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who is Ambassador to Moscow, warned UNESCO of a new dark age unless the evils of our time were removed. 'State compulsions, he said, were de-humanising men and producing an ant-hill society.

Western philosophers, too, continue to ponder the problems of the contemporary world and the riddle of destiny. In his Presidential address to the Classical Association, the Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, declared that "the Century in which we live is the first for over two thousand years to see a considered challenge flung down to the essence of our Western civilisation. Civilisation under any form of Government—as "The Times" points out—is always, however popular, in a sense aristocratic. It must depend for its ideas upon what Toynbee calls the creative minority. This Mr. Last acknowledged in his address. But he declined to give an affirmative answer to Professor Rostovtzeff's question: "Is not every civilisation bound to decay as soon as it begins to penetrate the masses?"

Totalitarianism, the present enemy, attacks by weight of numbers. The Chinese Communists frequently refer to the vast and victorious weight of the "indissoluble alliance of 745 millions." The faith seems to be in sheer mass rather than in quality whether of numbers or of ideas. But if it is for the many, as well as for the few, to defend the free Western way of life, then they must not only believe in it but be able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. There must be something more than a mere revolt against the inhumanity of totalitarianism: there must be a firm hold on the primary standards of civilisation. These depend on the intrinsic value of the human personality and the absolute distinction between right and wrong.

While the Secretary of State called on the American people to demonstrate "that our own faith in freedom is a burning and fighting faith," and ex-President Hoover called for much the same thing, another Senator was getting the headlines by his crusade for scalps. Even this in a way is proof of freedom, even if it be only freedom to challenge freedom. But the episode brings to the fore once more the question that has kept asking itself since Spengler formulated him philosophy of history, and which Mr. Last parried: "whether a lasting social harmony can ever be founded solely upon the work of the critical intellect."

Spengler shouted at the top of his voice that it could not. He drew on an even wider range than the slightest times

THE DOUBLE PERIL

It is a good thing for the people of any country to take stock from time to time of their position and to form as accurate an estimate as possible of the dangers which threaten them.

It is an exercise which is not popular with the people of Great Britain. They have a healthy dislike of discussing anything unpleasant, and a foolish belief that what is never mentioned will never happen.

Had they been willing to listen to Lord Roberts before 1914 or to Mr. Churchill before 1939, it is possible that two world wars might have been avoided.

But they preferred the vapid counsel of second-rate politicians and of third-rate journalists, who assured them that there was no cause for alarm.

On each occasion, therefore, they were taken by surprise. And on each occasion they came nearer to losing the war than they need have done, and much nearer than they are willing now to believe.

In no doubt

The enemy upon which the eyes of the free nations of the world are fixed today is the Russian Empire. It is indeed a formidable foe. Nor is there any danger of mistaking it for a friend—an error we have often committed in the past.

The Bolshevist code of conduct does not include good manners. In earlier times, which some people consider more civilised than these, international relations were conducted with courtesy up to the very outbreak of war.

There was then a danger of mistaking good manners for good will. No such danger exists in our relations with the Soviet Union. Their leaders seldom make a speech that would not have constituted a *casus belli* in the nineteenth century.

We are therefore absolved from solving what is often a difficult problem. We have not to ask ourselves whether they mean us evil or good.

They mean us evil. They proclaim it from the house-tops. From the all-highest the Generalissimo, the usurping heir of the Czars, down to the lowest snivelling spy who is caught filching documents from the Government offices of his own country they all admit that their main object is to extend their tyranny over all the inhabitants of the earth.

But—and this is one of the most important features of the situation—they have developed a new technique of aggression.

The system is as simple as the success of it is phenomenal. Instead of employing vast armies Russia relies upon a minority of the natives of the country she wishes to conquer to do her will.

By
Sir Duff Cooper

This minority obtains office by one method or another, and then accepts the orders of the master relying upon his assistance to suppress any attempt by their fellow-countrymen to recover any freedom.

The Communist is a man who is more attached to his religious faith than he is to his country.

He is an agent

It is a waste of time to denounce him for being so, but it is madness to treat him as a normal patriotic member of the community. He is the agent of a foreign Power, and should be treated as such.

In Great Britain the number of Communists is so small that the danger is almost negligible. It is not a political problem, but a matter for the police.

The case in France and in Italy is very different.

In both countries the danger exists of the Soviet's agents, who are the Communist Party, destroying the independence of their native land and placing its resources at the disposal of the enemy.

The most important decision that awaits those who are responsible for the conduct of war is the choice of a battlefield.

The sooner that decision is taken the better. Weak Governments are inclined to postpone it, and often it happens that each postponement is a form of defeat.

The British Government might have fought when Hitler broke the Treaty of Locarno and marched into the Rhineland.

They might have fought when he marched into Austria or when he marched into Czechoslovakia.

Unhappy choice

They might have fought when Mussolini invaded Abyssinia or when he invaded Albania.

They preferred to await the invasion of Poland, a country to which they were unable to give any assistance at all. It was not a happy choice.

It is therefore to be hoped that the British Government, in consultation which the Allies, is considering, or has already considered and decided, what future action on the part of the Soviet Union will prove finally unacceptable.

And when that momentous decision has been taken it would be well to convey it to those whom it principally concerns, so that they should not be justified in pleading ignorance or inadvertence if they strike the match that sets the world on fire.

But let us beware of the most grievous of all errors—the belief that there is only one danger in the world today.

It is nearly 100 years since we were at war with Russia. It is barely five since we were at war with Germany, and already the strains of "Deutschland Ueber Alles" are being borne to us from the other side of the Rhine.

The music is accompanied by the clutter of steel, and already German generals are in open consultation.

Already a responsible German Minister has publicly repudiated the charge that Germany was in any way to blame either for the last war or for the one before it.

Nothing to lose

The victorious Allies protested, but their protest was treated with contempt, and the Minister in question remains in office.

He and his colleagues frequently in speeches abuse and sneer at the Allies, but not one of them has ever been so bold as to criticise Adolf Hitler and those who were Nazis no longer conceal but vaunt their former activities.

Although they have lost two wars the Germans remain a great race of warriors. There are 80,000,000 of them in the centre of Europe, and if we restore to them the control of the Ruhr they can in 10 years become as mighty and powerful as they were 10 years ago.

They have everything to gain by war and nothing to lose by it.

THE WAR IN ASIA

It is heartening to many of us that America has at last decided to take a hand in the war in Asia, particularly as regards help to France in Viet Nam.

Ever since the supply of American arms to the West European Powers came to be discussed in Congress, the American Government had been a good deal embarrassed by archaic popular prejudices against the alleged "imperialism" or "colonialism" of Great Britain and France.

Thus it was urged that military aid from America should be strictly confined to Europe, and no article of American equipment furnished under it should be allowed to be used in Asia.

Nothing more unrealistic than that attitude could well be imagined, France's war in Viet Nam and Great Britain's smaller but serious campaign in Malaya are not isolated local episodes. They are incidents in the cold war. But for Russian incitement and agitation they would never have started, and but for the hopes inspired by the triumph of Russia's faction in China they would before now have petered out.

As it is, they constitute, while they last, a drain on the resources of Greece and Rome to sustain his dogmatic declarations about the end of the "domination of the rootless urban intellect" and the coming of the Caesars. The age in which we live, he said, is the greatest the Western civilisation has even known or will know, but "all the more diminutive are the people in it." He wrote his philippic at the time when the Nazis were sweeping Germany to their side, when "the everlasting youths are with us, immature, destitute of the slightest experience, but writing and talking away about politics, fired by uniforms and badges and clinging fantastically to some theory or other." Russia he described as a ruling horde, called the Communist Party, with its chieftains and almighty Khan, and a downtroden, defenceless mass of people some hundred times as large, which could conduct foreign wars only by propaganda, "and I must reckon with Japan." The riper, the age, he insisted, the greater the prospects of Caesarism.

Well, we cannot say we have not been warned, whether we ponder this challenge of this most arrogant of lecturers, or the road that the Russian people have been forced to tread since they clamoured in the streets for peace and freedom, and produced totalitarianism out of Bolshevism. The banner of freedom is still, as Mr. Acheson emphasised last week, "the most dynamic and revolutionary symbol in history." But of the six lists of action he propounded the first is the most vital for all—a strong and passionate belief in it. The next best thing is to practice it—for McCarthyism is a portent too.

By
Scrutator

of the two leading West European Powers, which is one of Russia's counter-measures (and a very important one) to the North Atlantic Pact.

Become realistic

Mr. Acheson's announcement means that America now becomes realistic. It is said that M. Schuman secured it only by something like an ultimatum. Whether or not that is true, he would have been warranted in doing so; for a cold war, like any other war, is one and indivisible, and cannot be successfully conducted by an alliance on the principle of partial co-operation only.

France ought to fill a very important place in the defence of Western Europe under the Atlantic Pact. But she could never do so if Russia were allowed to bleed her to death in Viet Nam without any intervention by the United States.

Indo-China is only one of six main areas composing South East Asia, the others being the Philippines, Indonesia, Siam, Burma and Malaya. Except Siam, they were all violently conquered and overrun by the Japanese in the late war. The resulting interruption of their development has made it impossible for the new independent regimes to take over as simply and directly from the old as has been done in India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Not only was there the dislocation of war—in some cases, such as Burma, of two wars, a conquest and a reconquest—but the Japanese deliberately sowed a seed of subversive doctrine, which the Russians have since watered.

The Japanese doctrine harped on two propositions: (1) Asiatics ought to seek a higher standard of life, and no longer acquiesce in their present low standards; (2) the way to raise the standard is to expel the Europeans, "Asia for the Asiatics," and all will be well.

Now for the first proposition there was much to say, but for the second, nothing; it was simply untrue. Yet the people swallowed both indiscriminately. And now

proposition is being widely illustrated by poverty and famines, they do not see that it has failed them because it was false. Instead they are very much exposed to the Communist propaganda, which says that the missing key to happiness was Communism, and that if they will set up Communist Governments, as China has, all will yet be well.

Such being the broad basis of Russian intrigue, the modes of dealing with it must differ considerably in the different countries. In Malaya, where we have never abandoned our responsibility for the country's government, where the native Malay majority is strongly loyal to us, and where most even of the immigrant Chinese minority are no more disloyal than the terrorists compel them to be, the right policy is to go ahead and restore order and security with a firm hand.

But what is to be done with a country like Burma, to which we gave independence as we gave it to India, Pakistan and Ceylon, but which has so far proved quite unable to profit by it, and for nearly three years has been sinking deeper and deeper into chaos?

Commonwealth undertaking

The British Government's immediate answer to this question is the loan to Burma of £6,000,000. This is a Commonwealth undertaking agreed at the Colombo Conference; Britain contributes £3,750,000. India £1,000,000, Pakistan and Australia £500,000 each, and Ceylon £250,000.

As a gesture it is admirable, and as a practical step it may well make the difference in a near future between the collapse and the continuance of responsible government in Burma. But it is, of course, a palliative, not a remedy; and unless the Burman Government can not merely pull its administration together, but make two fundamental changes of policy — the first towards the Karens, and the second towards investors of foreign capital in Burma — we may well find in a year or two that there is nothing to show for our money.

Next to Indo-China Burma is perhaps the likeliest sphere for a direct Chinese aggression. Historically she was once a Chinese dependency; and strategically her conquest by a Russianised China would provide Russian aircraft and submarines with bases on the Bay of Bengal. Hence the special interest which the Eastern countries of the Commonwealth must continue to take in her, as indeed in all the six South East Asian countries.

Years must pass before any of them has so far recovered its equilibrium as to be immune to Communist shock. But nothing could help so immediately as a clear demonstration of Western military superiority in the two countries where Russia has challenged it, via Indo-China and Malaya. And to that end the way now seems open for full American

Why not a Pacific Pact now?

By Donald M'Cormick

That is the question which is being asked almost daily in Australia and New Zealand. It is asked in the Parliamentary lobbies, in clubs and at conferences, in the Press and on the platform.

Daily the demand for action is growing.

Despite the huge amounts being spent on armaments by the Western Powers, it is still doubtful whether they could put more than 15 divisions in the field in defence of Europe.

The need for a Pacific Pact to offset setbacks in the Far East and to turn the scales in favour of the Western Powers is greater now than ever. The mere existence of a Pacific Pact would have tremendous propaganda effect on Germany.

Broad hint

Mr. Eric Harrison, Australia's forthright spokesman who is now combining the duties of Defence Minister with those of High Commissioner in London, gave a fairly broad hint when he arrived in Britain.

In effect he said: "We should like to see Britain give the lead, but if she doesn't somebody else must."

This is the set-up in the Pacific today. Australia and New Zealand feel acutely the need for a co-ordinated policy of Pacific defence either on a Commonwealth basis, or, preferably, on an Anglo-American footing.

America has poured vast sums into the Pacific and the Far East since the war, with little to show for it. The result of this, combined with diplomatic defeats, has been to leave the Pacific to major Power without a Pacific or a Far East policy.

This may be remedied soon, but in the meantime there is a chance for Britain to recover some of her lost prestige in the Pacific by giving a real lead which will encourage the U.S. to have as positive a policy in the East as in the West.

Two steps

Australia and New Zealand have both given a lead in the right direction, the former by their offer of troops for Malaya, the latter, by introducing conscription in peacetime.

Now New Zealand becomes the only Commonwealth nation apart from Britain to have a peacetime conscription force. The first drafts of 18-year-old conscripts will go to camp to begin their 14 weeks' training.

True, they will have a much shorter course than their counterparts in Britain, and none will serve overseas, but Service chiefs believe they can teach the recruits enough to make them good soldiers at short notice if an emergency arises.

This theory may sound optimistic when one recalls recent criticisms in Britain that the 18 months' period in Britain is too short for effective training.

Nevertheless, the New Zealand system provides, in addition, for regular short periods in camp as well as for a number of week-end and night parades each year for three years. This "spread over" makes it easier for those undertaking the training, is less of a strain on the regular Services' manpower, and is much more popular with the recruits themselves.

During my war service I was impressed by the fact that in training courses the examination figures for Australians and New Zealanders were much higher than those of Britain's trainees.

Technical education

Education in these two countries is more technical than in Britain, and enables their young men to grasp technicalities surprisingly quickly. This applied particularly to such subjects as navigation, gunnery and the more scientific side of warfare.

This mental resilience of these nations' manpower stands them in good stead in time of war. As Rommel said: "The New Zealanders show astonishing initiative and enterprise. They are full of self-confidence."

Here, then, is a cornerstone within the Commonwealth to make the Pacific Pact a reality. To go ahead with it as a Commonwealth project in no way runs counter to co-operation with the U.S. Rather, does it help the American State Department to formulate a stronger Far East policy.

The moral basis for such a pact is demonstrated not only by the overwhelming response in favour of conscription in New Zealand, but in Australia's realisation that Hong Kong and Singapore, which to Britain mean the Far East, are the "Near North" to them.

That is why Britain's attitude to the Malayan problem has been criticised as "parochial" in Australia, why Australians are anxious to see the two years' guerilla warfare brought to a speedy end.

Menace

That is why, too, Australia is tackling the Communist menace with a vigour that gives a lead to the whole Commonwealth. Why, also, she sponsored the movement for the establishment of a South Pacific Commission, which now brings Britain, herself, New Zealand, the U.S., France and the Netherlands into close co-operation on Pacific territories.

An industrial survey just carried out in Australia has shown that strikes engineered by the Australian Communist Party have cost the country £13,000,000. This does not include the recent coal strike, which caused an estimated production loss of £13,500,000.

Such facts may not seem to have a direct bearing on the need for a Pacific Pact, but they are a pointer to the need for greater security. The Australian Communist Party could become a powerful fifth column in the event of a war which did not find favour with the current whims of the Cominform.

No obstacles

The Commonwealth Consultative Committee on Aid to South East Asia met at Sydney. Its members discussed a programme of economic aid and social development in S.E. Asia, an idea that originated at Colombo through the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Percy Spender.

This conference should be followed up by a Pacific Pact.

There need be no obstacles to such a pact. Its terms of reference can be simple and unequivocal. Neither in Britain, Australia, nor in New Zealand does such a policy cut across party lines.

This is one matter on which all could have a bi-partisan foreign policy.

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LIE SAYS RUSSIANS STILL CONFIDENT IN UNITED NATIONS

Question of Red China's representation in UN

Lake Success, May 26.

Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, declared today that he thought the Soviet Government still had confidence in the United Nations and wanted it to function properly.

Mr. Lie was giving his first Press conference here since his return from his "cold war" talks with Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the French Premier, M. Georges Bidault.

Mr. Lie doggedly refused to reveal anything of the substance of his talks with the political leaders.

He was asked by an American correspondent, "When you were in Moscow, did you get the impression that the Soviet Union still has confidence in the United Nations and wants it to continue as a working organisation?"

"Yes," said Mr. Lie, but he refused to say how the Soviets had demonstrated that they still had this confidence.

"That was the secret part of our conversations," he said.

The Secretary-General was closely questioned about the deadlock caused in the United Nations by the battle over Chinese representation.

He said that the situation was about the same as it was when he left Lake Success a few weeks ago.

"But this question must be settled before the General Assembly," he added.

Security Council meeting

He admitted that no date had yet been set for a meeting of the Security Council on this issue but added, "I still think that that this must be settled in June or at the latest in July."

Mr. Lie refused to say anything about the talks he had in Moscow with the Ambassador from Communist China. He also declined to comment on whether the two or three months' delay in settling the Chinese deadlock had any connection with possible military action on the Chinese Nationalists' last stronghold of Taiwan.

Other points made by Mr. Lie during his Press conference here were as follows:

(1) He did not take any message from President Truman to Premier Stalin, nor bring any message back from Moscow to Washington.

(2) He had left a number of memoranda with the various Governments along his route and expected that they would need two or three months to study them.

(3) His trip was entirely an exploring mission. He wanted to find out if the cold war was just going on month after month, year after year, with no end but ultimate disaster.

(4) His visits were not negotiations. They were a succession of exchanges of views and of ideas.

Year of decision

In a prepared statement read to the conference Mr. Lie said, "The situation is a most serious one. The longer the deadlock continues, the more serious it becomes. I have called this the year of decision both for the United Nations and for the future peace of the world.

"We must begin a new effort this year to bring the cold war to an end through the United Nations or we shall face the grave danger that the world will be set finally on the road that leads to a third world war," Mr. Lie declared.

Mr. Lie said that he had found Marshal Stalin, the Soviet Premier, not much changed in four years and as "sharp" as ever.

He told reporters: "In the hour and a half of my talks with the Soviet leader, sometimes Stalin talked and sometimes I talked."

During the talks, the Generalissimo—"You must not call him Marshal," said Mr. Lie—several times went from his conference table to his private desk to fill up his pipe.

"I could not see much change since 1946," Mr. Lie declared. "Still the same sharpness, the same interest in everything, the same pipe."

To see Truman

Mr. Lie found all the Soviet leaders he met in good health. He referred to M. Vlacheslav Molotov, the Deputy Premier, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Foreign Minister, and M. Andrei Gromyko, the Deputy Foreign Minister.

"In fact," Mr. Lie said, "they looked healthier in Moscow than when one saw them here at a General Assembly."

In Washington, the State Department said Mr. Lie had asked for an appointment with President Truman and the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, to discuss his talks with Stalin.

The Department said no arrangements would be made for the meeting until after Mr. Acheson's return from London tomorrow.

London pessimism

In London, diplomatic quarters are pessimistic on prospects for a solution to the deadlock over the Chinese membership on the Security Council.

It had been hoped that during the tenure of the office of Mahmoud Fawzi Bey as President of the Security Council, Egypt would take the initiative in tipping the scale in favour of Communist China's membership, but no definite decision apparently has been made by the Egyptian Government.

Queries were sent to Cairo following a report in the Cairo newspaper, "Al Asaram," on May 10, stating that Egypt was prepared to recognise the Chinese Communists.

Officials said, "But no official confirmation was forthcoming. Egypt apparently has not yet made any decision."

Egypt and one other country which voted against the admission of the Communists must switch sides to give the Peking regime the majority support which Britain is trying to promote. Official sources also expressed doubts regarding prospects for France deciding to support Peking's claim to membership of the Council.

This likelihood was said to have become more remote now that the United States has undertaken to help the French-sponsored Vietnam regime under former Emperor Bao Dai in Indo-China where Moscow has recognised the rival Communist regime.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, voiced Britain's doubts regarding French support in the Security Council during Wednesday's Far East debate when he said, "You do not know what France can do. She is in difficulties in Indo-China mainly through Russian influence."

Britain's agreement to help France in keeping a watch on the long Indo-China coastline to prevent gun running is seen as an additional obstacle to the establishment of diplomatic relations with Communist China.—Reuter

UK TRIBUTE TO TRYGVE LIE

London, May 26.

A British Government spokesman said today that Britain welcomed the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, to end the cold war between Russia and the Western world.

The Minister of State, Kenneth Younger, made the statement in a House of Commons debate on the spread of Communism, replying to a charge by Rhys Davies (Labour) that Mr. Lie's recent trip to Moscow had aroused a great deal of suspicion in America.

Mr. Younger said: "I think I can assure the House that there is no suspicion here. We recognise Mr. Lie's position that he is a very important international figure who has the duty as well as opportunity to resolve difficulties and to find a basis for agreement. We wish him well and we welcome his efforts in this regard."—United Press.

ITALY AND THE PEKING REGIME

Rome, May 26.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, indicated tonight that Italy wanted to recognise the Chinese Communist Government but would not do so before the Communists had established normal relations with Britain.

Asked by a Communist representative in the Chamber of Deputies: "When is the Government going to recognise the People's Government of China?" Count Sforza replied: "The present regime in China has all the elements of stability and therefore, bearing in mind also the interest of our own industrialists and the interests of 11 or 12 Franciscan missions in China, we could proceed to recognise the Chinese regime.

"But since we are confronted with the fact that Britain has recognised the Communist regime but has not yet received any reply regarding the exchange of diplomatic representatives, I think we will see first whether relations between Britain and China follow the normal routine."—United Press.

GREECE ACCUSED

London, May 26.

Albania has protested to Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, against an alleged frontier violation by Greek "Monarcho-Fascists", according to an Albanian news agency message received in London from Tirana today.

The protest said that on the afternoon of May 24 a Greek battalion, advancing in battle formation, penetrated about 200 yards into Albania.

The protest added that the Greeks fired 150 shells in the direction of the positions of the Albanian frontier guards, who returned the fire, killing six and wounding seven Greeks. No Albanians were hurt.—Reuter.

Flare-up on border of Kwangsi

Paris, May 26.

Vietminh activity has flared up along the frontier between Vietnam and the South China province of Kwangsi, a French communique, quoted by Agence France Presse from Hanoi, reported today.

The communique said that French and Vietnamese troops hit back vigorously. Eight Vietminh guerillas were killed and arms captured.

Artillery fire dispersed Vietminh forces which had approached four French posts in the area. Mortar bombs fell in Dong Dang, a border town 10 miles North West of Longson.

French troops clearing the Phuly region, 35 miles from Hanoi, killed 40 Vietminh members at a grenade factory.
—Reuter.

"BRITAIN CAN'T BE DEFENDED"

London, May 26.

Britain's organised scientists declared today that their country cannot be defended against atomic attack.

"The only way out of the impasse is to ensure that the third world war does not take place," they said in a pamphlet entitled "Atomic Attack" published by the Association of Scientific Workers.

The Association is a union of 18,000 scientists ranging from laboratory technicians to world famous professors.

The booklet said discussion of strategy in a future war makes it increasingly clear that in the Western defence system Britain is being given the role of an air base from which atomic weapons could be launched.

This would bring danger of retaliation, it said.

The pamphlet examined possibilities of defence against atomic attack in three categories and concluded that none offers any real defence.

"Interception of bomb carrying aircraft—beyond our powers to prevent them getting through.

"Dispersal of key industries and services—too costly for Britain to carry out.

Air raid precautions—probably no protection for those within a half mile of the centre of the explosion (the flash point where 17,500 might be killed) but some protection to the rest of the 50,000 potential casualties within the area of 1-1½ miles from the centre."

The protection could be provided by sub-surface shelters with the equivalent of two feet of concrete overhead, the booklet said, but this could only be effective assuming warning was given.

In a foreword, Professor P. M. S. Blackett, atomic scientist and Nobel Prize winner in physics, said Britain must have its own policy designed to reduce the danger besetting it in the event of Russia and America not coming to an agreement.—Associated Press.

DISEASE RAMPANT IN BURMA

Rangoon, May 27.

Burma's Health Minister, Myanaung U Tin, today called for immediate measures to halt the spread of disease fostered by the war.

Tuberculosis and leprosy grip the country, he said, and in Rangoon venereal diseases are increasing rapidly.

U Tin asserted that jungle conditions rule in the major cities because they lack elementary hygienic principles, but added that plans must not be too ambitious because the Government lacks funds.—Associated Press.

King discusses defence with Empire generals

London, May 26.

The King tonight discussed defence problems with the Commonwealth Chiefs of Staff at Buckingham Palace.

The King and Queen received 12 of the leading military figures in the Commonwealth, headed by the Chief of Britain's Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, and the Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Lieutenant-General N.C.D. Brownjohn.

The Chiefs of Staff had been meeting for a top-secret "Exercise Horatius," called by Field Marshal Slim to study the shape defence should take in the next war—if it comes.

For three days about 200 top-ranking officers from Britain, the Dominions, the British Colonies, the United States of America and the Western Union countries had been listening at Camberley, 35 miles out of London, to lectures by the most eminent authorities on modern warfare. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, appeared in the official list of those attending the conference—the fifth since the war—and with him were the Minister of Defence, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, and Sir Henry Tizard, a leading scientist behind Britain's defences, who is now Chairman of the Defence Research Committee.

HK'S GOC

With the exception of South Africa, the Dominions sent their highest officers.

Among those who attended were:

India:—General K. M. Cariappa (Commander-in-Chief), Major-General K. S. Thimayya and Major-General Tara Singh Bal.

Pakistan:—General Sir Douglas Gracey (Commander-in-Chief), Major-General Najir Ahmed and Major-General Nawabzada Agha Mohammed Raza.

Ceylon:—Brigadier the Earl of Caithness.

Other officers present were Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh (General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Land Forces, Hong Kong) and Major General B. Temple, head of the British Service Mission to Burma.
—Reuter.

"RED" DEAN ON HIS OPINIONS

London, May 26.

Dr Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury, said today, "I speak in my own private capacity, but my opinions represent Christian thought."

The Dean, who arrived by plane today from a Canadian lecture tour, was commenting on recent remarks by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who said that the Dean was completely unrepresentative of the Church of England.

"He does not approve of my views so his political views must be entirely different," the Dean said.

"My opinions represent those of tens of thousands of people in the Church of England, but not the organised body."

He denied that eggs had been thrown at him in Canada, describing the report as "newspaper stuff".—Associated Press.

CALL TO END THE COLD WAR

Omaha, Nebraska, May 26.

The Senate Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry, called today for a public exchange of notes between President Truman and Josef Stalin to clarify issues in the cold war.

Senator Wherry speaks for a segment of Republican opinion.

After attacking Administration policies, he said: "We should pursue every course for ending the cold war. A public exchange of notes between President Truman and Premier Stalin, setting forth the views of our respective countries, would serve to clarify issues in compact form for all the world to see and judge."

He criticised deficient spending, Mr. Truman's legislative proposals and what he called "alien-minded" planners in Washington. The Administration should end its "policy of drift and vacillation, fumbling and bungling" in the Pacific, and General MacArthur should be called home to report to Congress and the people on his stewardship in Japan.

The Americans were rightly disturbed over the infiltration of pro-Communists and other subversives into the Government. Of the "alien-minded planners", he charged: "Their policy is patterned to foster Socialism around the world at the expense of American taxpayers."—United Press.

DUTCH STAND ON NEW GUINEA

The Hague, May 26.

The Dutch Government wants Western New Guinea to remain under Dutch sovereignty after the end of this year. Mr. J. H. Van Maarseveen, Dutch Minister of Union and Realm Affairs, told members of the Second Chamber of the Dutch States General here today.

The Minister was replying to the two-day debate on Indonesia which began yesterday.

"A solution of the New Guinea problem," he said, "is possible when both parties take into account the interest of the population."

But the Minister admitted that there had been no change in the points of view of either party since the round-table conference when a final decision on the New Guinea problem was left over for one year.—Reuter.

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Sydney meeting was a success

London, May 26.

The British Government considers that the recent Commonwealth conference at Sydney has laid the right foundation for long-term development of the whole of South East Asia, the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, told Parliament today.

For that reason, it regards the conference as a success, he said.

Mr. Younger was replying to suggestions in the House of Commons that Communism could best be combatted by a "peace through food" campaign.

Mr. Cyril Banks (Conservative), supported by Labour speakers, though that the United States and other countries with food surpluses should be asked to pass them on to countries in the Near, Middle and Far East, with low food standards.

Mr. Eric Bullus (Conservative) advocated a full Empire conference with the first items on the agenda: the challenge to Communism, Commonwealth defence and the greatest possible prosecution for full food production and food storage.

Mr. Younger said that the Government realised that food must be at the basis of any lasting world settlement.

Bigger problem

While it was true that hunger was one of the things Communism fed on, this was a problem which far transcended that of Communism.

Remedial measures should not be linked too closely with the Communist menace.

What the Government was after was a proper organisation of world food supplies in relation to world needs.

It was not a question of simple gifts from one area to another or of short term relief measures.

The Government had that very much in mind when it went to the Sydney conference, he said.—Reuter.

Singapore to deport Westerling

London, May 26.

Captain "Turco" Westerling, whose rebel troops captured the West Java town of Bandoeng for a brief period this year, will shortly be deported from Singapore, according to usually reliable sources here.

He recently completed a 40-day sentence there for illegal entry into Singapore—where he came seeking arms and support—and for assaulting an Indonesian cell-mate.

Since then the Singapore authorities have held him as a "dangerous character under the Defence Regulations. One report today said that the Dutch Government had been informed of the Singapore Government's intention to send Westerling, a Dutch citizen, to Holland.

Another source said that the question whether Westerling would be deported to Holland or extradited to Indonesia, which has asked for his return, would be decided by the Singapore Court. The hearing was expected next week, this report said.

It was also learned that immediately on arrival in Holland, Westerling would be arrested but this could not be confirmed in official quarters.

The Dutch Government, it was understood, had for some time been studying the legal position to see what, if any, criminal charges could be brought against Westerling.—Reuter.

CELEBRATIONS IN MONGOLIA

San Francisco, May 26.

Peking Radio reported tonight that the people of the Ikeciao League of the Inner Mongolian autonomous area recently held a week's celebration in honour of Genghis Khan.

There were songs and plays dedicated to the unity of the Mongol and Han peoples, the Radio said, adding that a Soviet technicolour film—"Transforming Deserts"—was shown.—Reuter.

London, May 26.

Queen Elizabeth today received at Buckingham Palace the Indonesian Ambassador and Madame Subandrio and the Afghan Ambassador, Marshal Shah Wali Khan.—Reuter.

Speculation on General Election

London, May 26.

The Labour Government's announcement of the end of petrol rationing in Britain began a flood of rumours about the possibility of another General Election as early as July.

Opponents of Socialism—which holds only a slim majority in the House of Commons after February's election—linked the freeing of petrol with other recent concessions and predicted that the Government is out to create an atmosphere of "back to the good old times."

After the announcement that petrol was off rationing many Britons became hopeful of other relaxations to come.

Motorists began a wild spending of their remaining coupons—valueless after tonight.—Reuter.

UNUSUAL STEP BY AMERICA

Washington, May 26.

The United States today clamped tight restrictions on the movements of Rumanian diplomats in the United States.

Rumanian officials will not be allowed to travel more than 35 miles beyond the borders of the District of Columbia, where Washington is situated, without first obtaining special permission from the State Department, Mr. James Webb, Under-Secretary of State, announced.

He told a news conference that the move was in retaliation for actions taken against the American Legation in Bucharest by the Rumanian Government.

Mr. Webb said that the State Department did not at present have plans to apply similar restrictions to members of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

It was disclosed here today that United States, British and French officials are discussing the possibility of restricting the travel of Communist diplomats in their countries.

"American and other Western diplomats in Moscow are not permitted outside the Russian capital until they get special permission from the Soviet Government authorities, sometimes after long delay.

Rumania had been informed that the United States would reduce its official staff in Bucharest in accordance with Rumanian demand that it be cut to 10 persons, Mr. Webb added.

Last months, the United States required Rumania to close its Commercial Attache's New York Office. Earlier Rumania had forced the suspension of the United States Information Office in Bucharest.

Rumania now has only three official representatives in the United States—its Minister, M. Mihail Magheru, a Legation official and a clerk.—Reuter.

NEW WESTERN MOVE FOR GERMAN UNITY

Berlin, May 26.

The British, American and French High Commissioners today asked the Russian Control Commissioner in Germany to join them in drafting an electoral law for all-German elections as the first step towards reuniting the whole of Germany.

The Western High Commissioners in a letter to the Soviet Control Commissioner, General V. I. Chuikov, pointed to the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers' London declaration of May 14, which stressed that they had no intention of making a separate peace treaty with West Germany.

But they also emphasised that any All-German electoral law and subsequent Government would have to be in conformity with the principles laid down in the London declaration.

These principles included free elections under international supervision; freedom of assembly, politics, speech and Press; freedom from arbitrary arrest; prohibition of police formations constituting a military force; four-Power agreement to end reparations from current German production; and the return of German industrial enterprises confiscated after May 8, 1945, without four-Power approval.

The Western High Commissioner sent separate but identical letters to General Chuikov's headquarters at Karlshorst, each one containing a copy of the "Big Three" London declaration on Germany and the appendix with the conditions they made for reuniting Germany under four-Power control.

If the Soviet Government declared its acceptance of these conditions, the High Commissions proposed the following progressive steps towards the aim of a united Germany:

Three steps

(1) The four High Commissions should meet to frame an electoral law for the election of an all-German National Constituent Assembly.

(2) The Constituent Assembly, duly elected, should draft a constitution, based on the principles set out in the London declaration.

(3) A four-Power Commission should be re-established to exercise its reserved powers in such a way as to permit the German Government to function effectively.

The final step, according to the West plan announced by the "Big Three", would be immediate moves for a German peace settlement.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the Social Democratic Party in Western Germany, said in Berlin today that he could not believe that much would come out of the Western Allied proposal to the Russians for four-zonal elections.

"I and the Social Democratic Party have been supporting this idea since the beginning", he said; but added that it was to be presumed that there was no chance of the Russians accepting it without attaching so many strings to it that it would become impossible for the others to accept.—Reuter.

BABY WAS ONE OF VICTIMS

Chicago, May 26.

Search crews found evidence today that a baby died with 33 other persons in the explosion and fire that blasted the South side neighbourhood when a trolley ploughed into a petrol tank truck last night. Fifty were injured in the disaster.

Police and firemen dug through the ruins of seven buildings ignited by the flames that trapped passengers aboard the crowded tram. Patrolman Van Clay found a baby's foot lying in the street near the scene of the crash; it was sent to the police laboratory.

Officials believed the baby's body may have been consumed in the fire that left four of the seven buildings with all the interior walls and flooring burned out.—United Press.

AMERICAN PROTEST ON GOA

Washington, May 26.

The House Republican leader, Joseph Martin, Massachusetts, has urged the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to use the great moral influence of the United States to persuade India that its plan to annex the Portuguese colony of Goa on the India coast is contrary to international justice.

Mr. Martin said Goa has been Portuguese territory for nearly 500 years and dates back to the expeditions of the early Portuguese mariners who acquired the territory for Portugal.

"The people are Eurasians," Mr. Martin said, "but are deeply wedded to Portuguese customs, language and religion." Mr. Martin said that at a mass meeting in Fall River, Massachusetts, last Sunday, citizens of Portuguese descent voted to protest India's announced action to the Indian Ambassador in Washington. They also asked Mr. Martin to intervene.

"On behalf of the thousands of Portuguese-American citizens of my district and of New England," Mr. Martin wrote Mr. Acheson, "may I enter with you a protest against the acquisition by India of the territory of Goa. During the last war Portugal aided materially in the Allied victory. Its air bases in the Azores were a vital part in our offensive.

"To take the territory of Goa away from a loyal ally and give it to a country with which it has had no legal ties for 500 years would be unfortunate. It is difficult to believe India would be short-sighted enough to ask it.

"I hope the Government of the United States will use its great moral influence in world affairs to persuade India that its plans with respect to Goa should be abandoned in the interest of international justice." — Associated Press.

Amsterdam, May 26.

Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard returned to Amsterdam today after their four-day State visit to Paris.—Associated Press.

COSMOS FACTORY MARKS 1ST ANNIVERSARY TODAY

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As it celebrates its first anniversary, the Cosmos Aerated Water Factory finds itself in a prominent position in the carbonated beverages industry in the Colony. The fast-growing popularity of Cosmos products can be fairly attributed to the common nod of approval of their quality and to the technical know-how and competence of the men at the helm of the business.

This rapid expansion is credited mostly to 30-year old Hubert Wong, who is well-known in local business circles; he is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce; until the establishment of the branch factory in Hong Kong, he was assistant manager of the mother company in Manila. The notable progress of "Cosmos Soft Drinks" is really the result of the hard work of this youthful, energetic and able business executive. Equipped with modern ideas and long experience in the soft drinks industry, Wong drew up blueprints for further expansion and promotion of his business. On the eve of today's celebration, he disclosed that his plant had boosted their output to meet the increasing demand for Cosmos products.

The Cosmos factory is complete with modern automatic bottling machinery of the latest pattern made in the United States. The plant produces soft drinks without the touch of human hands, thus ensuring their purity. Furthermore, the Cosmos workers are all equipped with clean and well-designed uniforms in order to maintain the high standard of cleanliness. In line with its expansion programme, the factory recently installed a 12-spout Liquid Red Diamond machine with a capacity production of 20,000 bottles a day.

The management, among other things, spares no effort in the rigid maintenance of perfect sanitary conditions in the plant. Visitors to the factory invariably comment favourably on the orderliness and cleanliness prevailing on the premises, notably in the well-screened syrup room.

The widespread fame of "Cosmos Soft Drinks" invaded Hong Kong a year ago. Today, by popular acceptance, the two million odd people in the Colony welcome the conquest of their instinct of thirst by the Cosmos products. However, the Cosmos factory has never rested on its laurels for very long, it is always on the look-out for new stimulating drinks, and now that the hot weather is nearly on us again, they present to their public a unique thirst-quenching beverage — "Lemon and Lime". As the company celebrates its 1st anniversary, it introduces "Lemon and Lime" to the people of Hong Kong, confident that they will become as enthusiastic about it as its makers.

HUBERT WONG
Pres. & Gen. Manager

The Cosmos factory is quite young in Hong Kong, but behind its development has been a wealth of experience: it is the recent off-spring of the 32-year old Manila Cosmos Aerated Water Factory, one of the largest and most popular of its kind in the Philippines. The Hong Kong branch had its humble beginnings a years ago today, with its site at Castle Peak Road. It started with a staff of only ten persons, and delivery of its products was carried out by just two trucks. As the business steadily progressed, plans for expansion were gradually realized. During the past months, the distribution system has been improved and machinery imported from the United States was installed in order to meet the increasing demand for the Company's products. The initial capital of $100,000 has since been increased to $1,000,000.

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Political lightning

Out of the lowering clouds that have been casting, in a vague and pushed-aside way, shadows over everyone's lives, some vidid flashes of political lightning have come.

Domestically the Australian scene has been full of the Communist Party Dissolution Bill and its attendant thunders, but suddenly it has taken on a much darker hue.

Everyone who thinks at all, and even those who prefer to push unpleasant thoughts into the background, has been concerned with the situation in China and Malaya, but the External Affairs Minister Mr. Spender, has brought the issue inescapably right under everyone's nose.

Opening the British Commonwealth Conferences in Sydney, after all the delegates and advisers had been closely scrutinised by security police before they entered the sequestered grounds of Admiralty House, Sydney residence of the Governor General, he said: "The interests of the British Commonwealth and of the whole world depend upon dealing urgently with the critical situation in South East Asia.

The Conference, officially known as the Commonwealth Consultative Committee, is the outcome of the British Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' talks in Colombo in January. It is designed to establish the pressing economic requirements of countries in South East Asia and to discover ways of meeting them.

Underlying the conference is the realisation that conditions in South East Asia are such as to provide an excellent seed-bed for disruptionists, and that, added to the darker tone of world relationships in which Russia is named as the sole militaristic and aggressive power in the world and Germany is being canvassed as a partner of the free communities of Europe, has made people feel that the could war is warming up and that one of the hottest places in the world is likely to be South East Asia.

If clues are of any value in a scene which shifts almost daily, the discussions held between the British Commissioner General in Malaya, (Mr. Malcolm MacDonald) and the Australian Cabinet, may point to the direction that Australia is likely to follow.

The political backroom boys consider that because the British Commissioner had with him an air adviser (Air Vice Marshal F. J. W. Meiersh, Commanding Officer of the RAF in Malaya) but no naval or military advisers, Australia may be asked to provide supplies and air force assistance, but not naval or military assistance to solving the South East Asian problems.

In Canberra the earlier feeling was that economic aid would be the most valuable we could contribute, but with the sudden upwelling of realisation of the seriousness of the whole picture that point of view might well be expanded.

The Anti-Red bill

Domestically the Communist Party Dissolution Bill has continued to be the heart and pulse of political contention. The Labour Party, while accepting the desirability of getting rid of subversive Communists, is concerned lest the measure be applied to itself and lest people with socialist theories and tendencies be lumped in with the Communists and declared.

On that score it is contesting the onus of proof clause in the bill (it places the onus on the declared person and not on the Crown) but Prime Minister Menzies is not prepared to place the onus solely on the Crown. Labour's fear that it might be tarred with the Communist brush arose from a rather grim jest in the House by Menzies who said that Labour's objectives were the same as those of the Communists, and that a Labour MHR and a Labour Senator might be in danger of declaration.

Outside the Parliament reaction to the Bill, the debate on which has been limited, has been confused. The Whatties have called for a national strike, the miners have protested but done little about it, and the Trades Union movement as a whole has been cautious, showing a shift away from the left in domestic elections.

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An odd development in the wider political field has occured in State elections in Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria. In Tasmania a complete stalemate between the two main parties was narrowly averted by the election of one Independent, in Queensland and Western Australia the Labour Governments were returned, and in Victoria, one of the key states as far as Federal politics are concerned, there was a pronounced swing to Labour, though not enough to put it in power.

In view of the substantial swing away from Labour in the Federal elections which put the Liberals into power, this sectional attitude is giving political interpreters a lot to talk about. From the verbiage little that is coherent appears. All that can reasonably be said is that Australians are not taking the politics in the lump but are judging the issues as and where they occur.

Just as a sideline the Federal Government is now selling shares in private banks bought up by the previous Government when making its bid to nationalise the private banks.

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Industrial development

On the industrial front, main development has been the denial, by a majority decision of the Federal Arbitration Court, of the right of six metal trades unions to appear in the hearing of the claim by the Trades Union movement for a £10 basic wage. The six unions, with a membership of 120,000, were barred because they had imposed bans on overtime in a bid to enforce demands for increased rates.

The majority judges suggested that the unions should guard their rights from the activities of subversive elements who themselves ignored their membership obligations.

Australians usually blame unattractive packaging for their deficiencies in the export market, but A.W. Sparke, president of the Export Development Group of New South Wales, had a more complex interpretation of the decline in the export of Australian manufactures. Among the blameworthy factors he listed Government-to-Government trading, Government-to-agent trading, currency problems, the number of official boards in the business, and the slow turn-around of ships in Australian ports. He said Australia wasn't export minded.

On the other side of the picture two Perth men have shown a lot of enterprise and energy. Since April 14 they've covered 7200 miles in a new car at speeds ranging from 2 mph to 70 mph and used 254 gallons of petrol in a rush tour of the Commonwealth. Their only casualties have been two punctures and one kangaroo.

There's been something of a racket in used cars in New South Wales. One investigator says that by exploiting the system of hire purchase trading unscrupulous tricksters are fleecing buyers of about £100,000 a year. Basis of the racket is the selling of encumbered vehicles without letting on and giving phoney receipts for final payments. Point is that in New South Wales there's no law requiring the endorsement of a registrations certificate of any hire purchase agreement and that leaves the buyer with no means of disproving any doubts he may have about the bona fides of the seller. One big dealer was caught for nearly £5,000 while a rival not a quarter of a mile away was taken down for £2,800 and a third for £2,200—all within four months.

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Inadequacy of pensions

One unfailing subject for lamentation in the correspondence columns of the Australian Press is the inadequacy of pensions—age, widow and invalid. Now there's a suggestion that a rise of 7/6 a week may be considered. Present maximum rate for age and invalid pensions is £2-2-6 a week. Widows over 40 years of age get £1-17 a week and a widow with dependents £2-7-6 a week—which doesn't go far with the cost of living being what it is.

Things are moving on the medical front. Dr. N. F. Stanley, acting director of the institute of Epidemiology and Preventive medicine at Sydney's Prince Henry Hospital, just back from studying poliomyelitis in America, has thrown a bit of a bomb. He says that a new virus known as coxsackie, or virus C, has been discovered that causes some of the symptoms of polio.

He says that of the 270 polio cases reported in New South Wales this year probably only 50 had polio, the rest the coxsackie virus. This, of course, means that most of the accumulated data on polio will now be virtually worthless.

Incidentally youngest case of polio recorded in New South Wales has occurred in a baby 18 days old.

Another medical development is expected soon. Heart operations new to Australia will be performed at the Hallstrom Cardiological clinic. The operations, now being performed in America with success are expected to remedy valvular trouble and save many lives.

Hallstorm, Sydney businessman and philantrophist, has done a tremendous amount for local medicine and at the cardiological clinic more than fifty delicate heart operations have been performed including on blue babies, who not long ago, had to be sent to America for treatment.

Another fillip

Another fillip for medical research has come from Sydney jeweller Adolph Basser who has given £50,000 to the Royal Australian College of Physicians. He said he wanted to do something for his fellow men while he was still alive. The money will hasten the £250,000 goal set by the Council of the Royal Australian College of Physicians for research.

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More than 1200 Australian Roman Catholics wanted to join the pilgrimage going to Rome, this year for Holy Year ceremonies, but the official contigent will consist of only 700 because of the problems of transport bookings and accommodation.

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New Australians (the friendly definition of foreign migrants) sometimes let their newfound freedoms go their heads. One group took merrily to the drink on a train in Adelaide and had to be reproved and now its been necessary to explain to them all that some birds and animals in Australia are protected. Parties of New Australians had been going on shooting expeditions and blazing away at sparrows, wrens, kookaburras — in fact anything that could fly.

Measuring the sea

Most ordinary people, asked if the surface of the sea were flat apart from the curvature of the earth would reply "Of course—except for the waves." Dr. Robert Cooper of Cambridge University, states that this is not so. Because of the gravitational pull of large land masses the surface of the sea rises and falls in gentle undulations over great areas and, owing to the pull of the Continents of Europe and America, the middle of the Atlantic ocean is some one hundred feet lower than other parts. This would not be noticed if ships navigators did not use the water surface as a horizon from which to take star sights when finding position.

Dr. Cooper was telling about an expedition which is shortly to set off from Malta in the British submarine Talent to survey the floor of the Mediterranean. Its success will depend on measurements that are exact to the smallest fraction and this is why a submarine is to be used. It is impossible to measure with delicate instruments in a ship that is pitching and tossing but a submarine can soon escape from such undulating conditions by sinking some hundreds of feet below the surface of the sea. The measurements taken in one hundred and twenty places in the Mediterranean, Dr. Cooper explained, will be made by special pendulums. These go faster in some places than in others because of the force of gravity, or pull of the earth, varies, though only very slightly, according to the geographical features near at hand. Near Cyprus in the Mediterranean the surface of the sea slopes enough to make the navigator's calculations wrong by more than half a mile and when the expedition has made all its gravity measurements they will know the exact distance of this slope and will be able to draw a completely accurate chart. The expedition promises to be of absorbing interest geologically. That strong forces are still at work on the earth's crust in the Mediterranean region is proved from the frequency of earthquakes in the countries around this inland sea. Millions of years ago these forces may have been strong enough to have thrown up mountains. The secret of what happened lies buried many fathoms below the clear blue sea but with the aid of their pendulums the expedition hopes to discover the secret within the next few months.

"For Heaven's sake, man, be careful! Do you want to kill people?"

Inside information

By Mercury

Expect an early British statement of policy on the Middle East. Mr. Dean Acheson has been discussing the subject with Mr. Bevin.

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The U.S. is worried at hints from Syria that, she wants a closer economic link-up with Russia.

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Acheson and Bevin are working for a common front of Israel and the Arab States.

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Switzerland is about to appeal for the British tourist allowance for Swiss holidays to be increased to £75. Swiss hoteliers reports steep decline in British bookings.

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Responsible trade union executives have told the Socialist Party that the low state of their funds makes a general election hardly possible before the end of the year.

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The peace mission to Moscow of the UN chief, Trygve Lie, was undertaken against the advice of Mr. Dean Acheson. Mr. Bevin was also opposed to the visit.

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Marshal Tito has sent an emissary to London to seek more economic and material aid for Yugoslavia.

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Jolted into bigger British participation in the Chicago international trade fair, the British Government will have to bear 50 per cent of representation costs to get exhibits to the scene in time.

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Next due for recall to Moscow is Georgi Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador in London.

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The East German Republic has issued directives to its labour exchanges that no man is to be employed in a job that can be done by a woman. It has voted £10,000,000 to developing 33 shipyards on the Baltic coast, and will employ a labour force of 50,000. All ships built will sail under the Russian flag.

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The U.S. will soon reduce her tariffs on imported alcohol. West Indies rum producers will benefit.

There will be more revelations on British pre-war foreign policy in Lord Simon's memoirs now in preparation.

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The new Argentine Ambassador in London, Carlos Hogan, has explicit orders from President Peron to improve relations with Britain.

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There will be 50 per cent freight reduction on goods sent from Europe to be exhibited at the first U.S. International Trade Fair in Chicago this autumn.

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There is another move in America to invite General Eisenhower to run for president in 1952.

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The British Government is retaining special evidence that Rudolf Hess was mad and should not have appeared before the Nuremberg Tribunal.

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A Russian anti-Communist centre has been opened in New York by a Russian prince, who hopes that Britain and America will intensify their cold war against Russia.

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Czechoslovakia is rushing 1,600 motor cars into Canada in the hope of capturing the market by dumping.

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A link-up of counter-propaganda systems to fight the cold war is being discussed by the conference of Foreign Ministers.

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Marshal Bulganin, confirming his purge of the Czechoslovak armed forces, has removed three generals suspected of Western sympathies. They are General Klapalek, DSO, commanding Bohemia, General Z. Novak, commanding Moravia, and General Vicherek, C-in-C of the Air Force.

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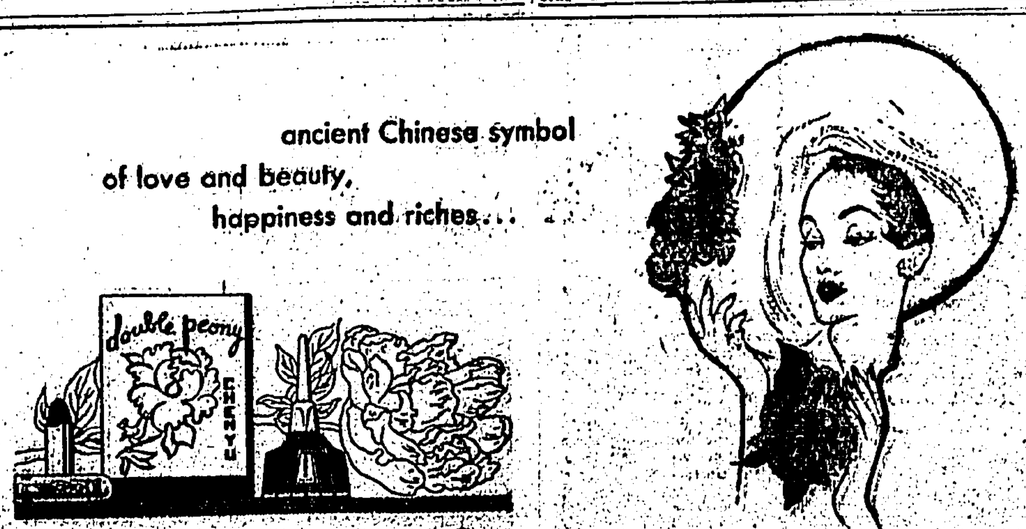

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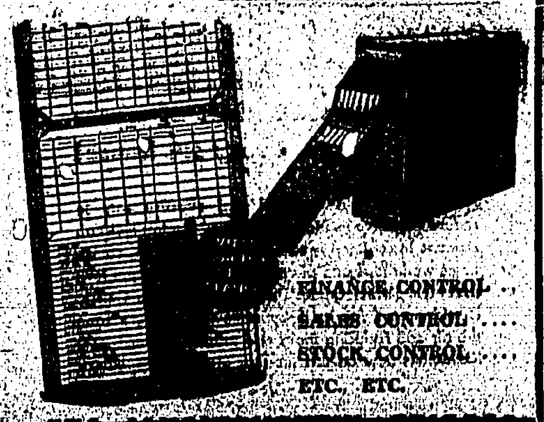

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Fabian of the Yard—No. 28:

CELLULOID ALF HAD KEYS TO A FORTUNE

By Superintendent Robert Fabian

Celluloid Alf hailed a taxi. In his suitcase was £4,000 worth of stolen property.

Alfred Carter was not named "Celluloid Alf" by the underworld for any transparency of soul. His eyes were mean, his mouth selfish. He was a thief, associate of thieves. He got his name because he could use a bit of celluloid like a jemmy, to open locked doors.

And now he had struck a little gold in the heart of London. In Chelsea was a large block of residential flats—700 respectable apartments.

They were guarded by hall porters, trusted men of flawless credentials.

Celluloid Alf had burgled these flats 29 times. Sometimes twice a week. Each time he stole £2,000 to £6,000 of goods.

When the burglaries started one of the first things the police naturally did was to make a routine check on the backgrounds of those hall porters.

But we could find no flaw in their testimonials and characters.

Yet Celluloid Alf had! Wheedling, coaxing, boasting, flashing his money, he had tunnelled patiently under the skin of perhaps the fiercest-looking hall porter of them all—I will call him ex-Sergeant Major Thomas Henry Burton, although that is not his real name.

Behind that carefully-spiked moustache and those bushy white eyebrows, a conscience for 50 years beyond reproach had crumbled to the gnawings of a London underworld rat.

Alf didn't even have to perform his favourite trick with a piece of celluloid. For now he had a duplicate of the flat superintendent's pass-key.

Twenty-nine robberies within eight months—and we could catch nobody!

Sleuths among the chimneys

By the end of February, 1944, every policeman in Chelsea's "B" Division had grown to hate the sight of the block.

I put men to watch inside the building. I hid detectives among the chimney-pots. We found nothing.

My Superintendent began to write me rude letters.

On March 1 my clerk, the late Roly Balsden, pulled out that thick grey file and put it on my desk reluctantly.

I winced. "What is it today, another robbery or another blood-curdler from the Super?"

"One of each, sir," he said sadly.

I seized my hat and went to visit the flats.

Sergeant Irving was at the front entrance to the flats. With him was an erect, soldierly-looking hall porter. "Bad business, sir," he said to me. "About £4,000 worth of stuff gone. No marks of entry."

As I listened I heard a newsseller shouting: "Old Bailey sensation!" I fumbled with my gloved hand into my pocket, pulled out a coin, gave it to the hall porter, and said: "Get me a paper, will you?"

The clue was in his eyes

He took the coin, halted the newsboy with a fine parade-ground bellow, purchased a paper—and handed me 2s. 5d. change.

"What's this?" I said. He met my eye. "You gave me half-a-crown, sir."

"Oh, did I? I thought it was a penny." I smiled. "Wish everybody in this building was as honest as you, Sergeant-Major!"

He lowered his eyes. It was only for a moment, but suddenly my stomach turned over. I turned to Sergeant Irving with a new thought racing in my head. "How many men have you had watching the place?"

He calculated swiftly. "Three by day and five by night, sir."

"Call them all off," I said curtly. "They're just wasting their time. I want every available man to go through the manor (the divisional area) with a fine-tooth comb and bring in every likely suspect for a chat at Headquarters."

To the listening flat porter, I explained: "We've never been so short of men, with sickness, air-raids—and now they've transferred six of my best CID men to other divisions."

He clicked his tongue sympathetically, and once more—as firm and fierce as ever—his eye met mine.

But once had been enough, within the hour my three CID watchers had taken up new vantage-points.

Mrs. Alf went for a drink

Two days went by. Then another robbery—and why not, since the police guard had apparently been withdrawn!

This time the concealed CID men sent in reports that, when spread on my desk, fitted like mosaic:

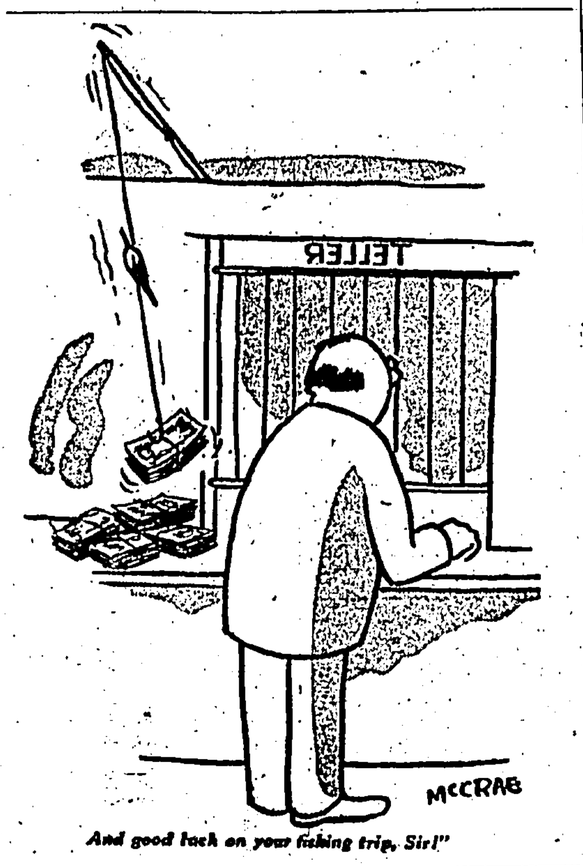
No. 1. Morris saloon belonging to occupants of flat now known to have been robbed left the block 3 p.m. Returned 6 p.m.

No. 2. Housebreaking reported 6.10 p.m.

No. 3. At 3.12 p.m. taxi (reg. No. XP235) dropped man (description follows) at front entrance.

No. 4. At 3.27 p.m. same man came out carrying suitcase. Tool taxi (reg. No. LF436).

No. 5. Traced both taxis, XP235 picked up man answering description at Curzon Street, conveyed him to the block of flats. No luggage. Taxi No. LF426 picked up man answering same description at flats about 3.30 p.m., with suitcase. Conveyed him to Park Lane Hotel. He did not enter hotel, was observed to take another taxi.



"And good luck on your fishing trip, Sir!"

I went to the Park Lane Hotel. The doorman remembered. "Yes, I thought it was queer, sir. He got out of one taxi, watched it turn round, then said: 'I've forgotten something—call me another cab.'"

I asked: "Did you take its number?"

"Yes, sir."

All cabs are registered at a department in Scotland Yard. We traced this taxi.

"I dropped the gentlemen with the suitcase in a street behind Curzon Street," said the river. He identified the house.

I left Detective-Sergeant Irving to watch the address with Detective Bridgham (now Detective-Sergeant) and went to the CID at West End Central Police Station.

They have a collection of black-bound books, containing information that would startle certain denizens of London, W.1.

"That little mews behind Curzon Street," said the Inspector briskly. "Yes, Bob, I know it. Ah, yes—here we are— it's a house now broken into four flats." He chuckled. "Guess who we've got on the top floor, nearest to the angels!' 'I glanced over his shoulder. "Top flat occupied by Alfred Carter, Criminal Record Office No. 00932/7Z (Celluloid Alf) and his wife Emelia C.R.O. 43001/W."

I memorised the photographs. I had not met Alf before. Then I hurried back to Curzon Street. Sergeant Irving stepped out of the shadows.

"A dark-haired woman wearing a green dress and speckled blue coat just left the House and went to the Pitt's Head pub," he reported. "A man and woman had previously rung the bell for the top flat, and were let in.

"They're still inside."

Detective Bridgham was on vigil at the tavern. "She's in the saloon bar, sir," he said.

I went in. "That's 'Loid Alf's wife!" I told myself.

I sipped my light ale, thinking quickly. Why had 'Loid Alf's wife come for a drink by herself, just after two visitors arrived?

There was one obvious answer—the two visitors were "buyers." Alf wisely made his wife, a convicted woman, leave the house to escape the risk of being accessory.

I went back to the house behind Curzon Street. Detective Bridgham was excited. He said eagerly: "There is a man just rung Carter's bell and gone up—I'm positive he's one of the porters from the flats."

"We'd better go in, and quickly," I said.

I heard footsteps and Bridgham slid adroitly into cover... just in time.

Loot was piled on the table

The steps were made by Mrs. Carter! Her eyes narrowed when she saw me. I had glimpsed the other three names on the bell-push, and said quickly:

"This bell for Mrs. Kiel doesn't seem to work."

Mrs. Carter looked relieved. She opened the hall door with a key. "Better knock on her door," she said.

"Thank you," I said. Mrs. Carter nodded, and went on up. I listened, heard her open the door, then called: "Hey, Miss— is this yours? You've dropped your..." as I spoke I started to run upstairs. She hesitated one valuable moment, then started to slam the flat door, but I was just able to get my foot inside, and heaved it open with my shoulder...

Five white, startled faces stared at me... for on the table, laid out as if for an auction sale, glittered jewels, furs, brooches, rings.

"I think you'd better all sit down," I said. They sank back into their chairs. The hall porter was as pale as a ghost, but the others immediately started whispering.

I realised they were planning a breakaway, and opening the door, I called to the empty corridor: "Two of you stop there and one go out to the car and 'phone for the van."

The squad came just in time

I was playing for time. But I couldn't hold it, the atmosphere was tensing. Two of the men got up, and edged towards me.

I picked up the telephone in the far corner and dialled 999. "How much longer is that Flying Squad van going to be coming here?" I said crossly, giving the address.

But 'Loid Alf was not deceived. He's bluffing!" he snapped.

And at that instant I heard the rush of heavy men upstairs, the thump of gloved hands on Carter's door.

Detective Mike Bridgham had guessed the situation, hurried to the corner, phoned for a police cordon to surround the place, and was now hurrying up to reinforce me, with Sergeant Irving.

'Loid Alf got three years. The flat porter, ex-Sergeant Major Thomas Henry Burton, also got three years. He stood stiff as a ramrod. "I must have been mad," he sighed.

It had been all in the game to Celluloid Alf—but it was disaster to the proud ex-sergeant-major.

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NEW YORK LETTER

When President Truman arrived in the prairie township of Laramie, Wyoming, he was about as far away from it all as anyone could go.

He looked around him at the crowd of ranchers, housewives, schoolboys, cowboys and backwoods characters who gathered to welcome him and smiled his broadest, homeliest smile.

"I'm always right glad to be back in Wyoming," he said. "But you know, to put this town of Laramie in its right perspective, you should put up signposts in the centre of town.

One should point East and say: 'London — 30 hours.' Another should point West and say: 'Shanghai — 44 hours.' And another should point North and say: 'Moscow—45 hours.'

"You see," he added, "world distances have disappeared. There are no longer any far-off places . . . everybody on this globe is our neighbour."

Simple talk

The President then went on to outline the menace of Russia in simple terms. And in one or two-syllable words he pointed out that the Atlantic alliance with Britain, the European Recovery Programme and the cold war were more important than the 1,500,000 cattle grazing the Wyoming prairie or the 3,500,000 sheep in the foothills.

In all probability not a man in the President's audience had met a Russian or a Communist. Names like Vladivostok were not air bases from which planes could deliver bombs which would blast Laramie to pieces, but tricky ones for the Friday night spelling bee.

Yet the President had come all the way from Washington to sell "internationalism" and the one-world idea in areas where there was every excuse for isolationism.

It was a mission second only in importance to Dean Acheson's mission to London, and as an assignment it was just as difficult.

Republican fire

Dean Acheson's foreign policy and his State Department are under the sustained fire of right-wing Republican Congressmen who have charged him with terrible crimes against the world, running from the betrayal of China to the protection of Communists and perverts in top-secret jobs.

This criticism has jeopardised the new American "total diplomacy" policy towards Russia.

So Truman has singled out a number of these Congressmen like Senator McCarthy, of Wisconsin, and Senator Wherry, of Nebraska, and has routed his Western tour through their home districts. In many cases, these have also been isolationist districts.

Deliberately, often unscrupulously, using unsupported conclusions that would have anguished Mr. Acheson's legal mind, President Truman has set about undermining these men at home.

The master politician who was able to tell the farmers in the 1946 elections that their prosperity was due to him, and the white-collar workers that their hard times were due to his opponents, was at it again—in a good cause.

At Wendover, Wyoming, he was up at 6 a.m., to say: "Too bad, but it's a bit too early for Mrs. Truman and Margaret to come out and say howdy. Say, this cold war struggle for peace is as important to you — yes, my good friends, to you — as winning the last war was."

At Galesburg, Illinois, he said: "It's good to be here. Do you know that isolationism brought low taxes? Well, how about the cost of the war that followed? Do you want to pay five billion dollars a year on the cold war, or a hundred billion on a hot one?"

Lincoln, Nebraska: "Always good to be in Nebraska, had some good times here. You know, you're directly concerned... with what happens in Singapore."

By ranch-houses, railway stations, dizzy Rocky Mountain passes and small-town schoolrooms the President plugged the same theme.

In striped pants

Then he came to his Secretary of State, who has been labelled throughout this rugged westland as a "stuffy, pompous diplomat in striped pants," who didn't know the common people.

President Truman, who has been regarded as an unbeatable candidate because he is so clearly identifiable with the common people, did not trifle with the criticism itself.

"You know, my friends," he said, "Secretary Acheson is in Europe... working out a number of problems... with our partners over there. I know he has your confidence."

There was no need for complicated explanations and that was all there was to it.

Their 'hired' man

The President's tour, to be sure, has many other purposes. Most of these are concerned with the forthcoming Congressional elections in November. Also the President says he wants to see what the people are thinking about their "hired man."

But as far as U.S. foreign policy towards Britain is concerned, the President's tour and his attack on isolationism in its breeding ground are important, if only for this reason.

All the discussions and decisions of Mr. Acheson, Mr. Jessup and their scholarly advisers in London this fortnight would be worthless without the favourable public opinion their Head of State is lining up for them in advance.

NAMES IN LIGHTS

Song producer MICHAEL TODD persuaded the KING OF SIAM to draft swing pieces—as a stunt. But the songs were so good Michael had to use them.

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Skipper DOD ORSBORNE, of Girl Pat fame, who lives in a New York suburb, is looking for material for a new book.

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DAME EDITH EVANS wants a perfect all-British cast if she is to appear in the autumn production of DAPHNE LAUREOLA on Broadway.

Flying saucers

"Flying Saucers" are back in the news again—and this time it seems that they really do exist.

Correspondent Cecil Clark reports that he actually saw a "flying saucer"—high over the City of Monterey in Northern Mexico.

According to him the "flying saucer" or whatever it was, appeared at about 11 o'clock in the morning and remained visible and apparently stationary for about an hour. Then, as suddenly as it arrived, it disappeared.

What it really was is impossible to say, writes our correspondent, but it appeared as a round object, about one inch in diameter, at a height of some 20-30,000 feet and all the time glittered in the sun.

Meanwhile, reports of flying saucers have been received from many high authorities in Mexico and the United States during the past few weeks. A U.S. naval officer reported that a "Saucer" hovered round an experimental V2 when it was fired and ended up by chasing the rocket and actually overtaking it.

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IT'S IN THE BAG

By John Hall

The buzz begins before Britain's shores are in sight. "Will the Customs be tough?" ..."Should I keep quiet about those nylons?"

Long before they reach the Customs shed not a few of the homing tourists have worked themselves into "Anything-to-declare?" nerves..

Invariably there is a "Smarty" who knows all the answers . . . "Been through Customs scores of times... easy when you know the ropes...easier (with a wink) if you're known...they all know me."

"Smarty," no one "knows" the Customs, and it will be a pity if any of the record number of British tourists who are heading overseas this year heed your claptrap.

Listen to him..."Cigarettes are O.K. If you open the box and smoke a couple...they can't touch any clothes you've worn ...open those bottles of Cointreau and take a nip...If you've had anything more than a year it's none of their business."

Wrong every time, "Smarty." This is the law:

You are required to declare to Customs everything you have obtained abroad, presents included, and, if they choose, Customs can make you stump up for every single item down to 1d. duty on every cigarette you bought abroad or on the ship or aircraft coming home. Opening a packet or uncorking a bottle makes no difference.

Moreover, "Smarty," if you hide anything and are found out you face a large fine and/or imprisonment, seizure of the undeclared goods, and seizure of whatever the undeclared goods were carried in, whether it is a suitcase or a motor-car.

Their powers

That is the gist of laws which give Customs officers powers far beyond those of the police, authorise them to detain you, search you, follow you home, and without a magistrate's warrant, enter your house to look for smuggled goods.

Tough, eh?

It is not, however, the job of Customs to harass people. Their job is first to check big-time smuggling, secondly to collect duties from people who bring home dutiable goods beyond reasonable limits.

For years that ruling, "reasonable limits," was left to the discretion of each Customs officer, but now there is an official list of dutiable goods which homecomers are allowed to bring in duty-free. Here it is:

Half a pound of tobacco (that is, ½lb. of pipe tobacco or cigars or 200 cigarettes, but not ½lb. of each);

Half a bottle of spirits; one bottle of wine and half a pint of perfume;

Used clothing so long as it is a reasonable quantity and Customs are satisfied it is for your personal use and not for sale. (Two pairs of nylons are reasonable, madam, but if you bring more you may have to pay);

Up to 50lb. of food, but not more than 10lb. of any one foodstuff. For people coming from Eire the limit is 7lb. and not more than 2lb. of any one foodstuff. (Exception here to the duty-free concession is that you may be charged duty on certain foodstuffs, tea for instance.)

Not a right

But remember that this free list is a concession and not a right. If you exceed the limits you will have to pay, perhaps for the whole lot. If you try to smuggle something else you jeopardise the entire concession.

It is no defence to plead ignorance; no use whining that the Paris salesgirl assured you that you could take home three large bottles of perfume.

Have you any rights? Yes, if the Customs say they propose to search you, you can demand to be taken before a magistrate, and, when he has heard both sides, he can either order Customs to desist or you to submit.

If Customs seize anything from you they must keep it for one month, during which time you are entitled to object and demand its return. And if you do that, Customs must defend their seizure in court.

Most regular travellers have one rule when they reach the Customs shed—they detail everything and leave it to the officer. Some go farther and make out a list. Follow either course and you will have no trouble.

In fact, as you pick up your luggage and hurry for the train you may have the pleasure of seeing "smarty," silent now, being led away for a real going-over.

Statesman of the World

By the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, M.P.

"One man in his time plays many parts." The genius of Jan Christiaan Smuts is that he has played them all so mightily. In an age sometimes described as that of the common man, Smuts towers as a giant in whatever role he finds himself.

As we approach his 80th birthday, we see that the fabric of his life is stretched over an era of momentous change. Into his 80 years of intense living Smuts has crammed the lives of a hundred ordinary men. Such is his versatility, his universal genius, that time must elapse before his manifold activities can be seen in their true perspective.

In what field shall he chiefly be saluted? As a man of action, he is the natural fighter, shrewd in strategy and instant in decision. Wholly without fear, he always led his own reconnaissance during his brilliant guerilla commando in Cape Colony in the first years of the century.

These tactics, with his successful campaigns in German East and South West Africa in the first world war, are military feats for which the name of Smuts will always be remembered in the annals of fighting men. He takes as much pride in his record as a soldier as in any other of his varied achievements.

In the second world war, too, his courage and counsel were invaluable. His vigour put many a younger man to shame and the fertile resources of his mind were a constant strength to us.

I remember one incident especially. In February, 1941, the War Cabinet agreed that military assistance should be offered to Greece. Sir John Dill and I therefore flew to Cairo for discussions with the Commanders-in-Chief, Middle East, and to Athens for talks with the Greek Prime Minister.

I saw then how the difficulties and anxious decisions were crowding in upon us, and I telegraphed to Smuts asking whether he could possibly come up to Cairo to help us with his wisdom and advice. This he immediately and most gallantly did.

Such a response was generous in the extreme: for he was far too shrewd not to realise that we were so weak that there could be no escape from what Wolfe called "a choice of difficulties." But Smuts came, none the less, to take part in and to endorse what were bound to be critical and might well be unpopular decisions.

GENERAL SMUTS

Apart from his military distinction, Smuts has brought to the field of learning a massive intellect and a cool, far-sighted comprehension. He it was who contributed the theory of Holism to the philosophy of the world, and expressed it with a richness of phrase and a delicacy of imagery that have rarely been equalled in modern times.

His entire political career reflects the conviction that all advancement must derive from the formation of wholes which are more than the sum of their constituent parts. He has kept faith with this theory in his early endeavour to achieve the union of South Africa, in his passionate devotion to the British Commonwealth of Nations, and in his constant support of plans for a world order.

At the heart of Smuts' deep loyalty to these greater unities lies his abiding belief in freedom. He once summarised that faith for us:

"Freedom is the most ineradicable craving of human nature; without it, peace, contentment and happiness, even manhood itself, are not possible. The fight for human freedom is the supreme issue of the future, as it has always been in the past."

Smuts spoke these words in 1934: the succeeding years have served to illuminate their truth.

But what of the man himself, of the personal qualities that have cast Jan Christiaan Smuts for the long brave role on the world's stage? His critics have proclaimed him ambitious and aloof, impatient and proud, unsentimental and efficient. These may be the colder attributes, but they are relieved in Smuts by his freshness of outlook, his acute perception, and his ceaseless industry. Reluctant to delegate duties, he is prone to decide rather than to consult, but this very despotism can be a source of his strength.

Contempt for pettiness

Smuts does not suffer fools gladly. On the contrary, he has consistently shown the most searing contempt for all forms of pettiness. Perhaps this is a reason for the unpopularity which has at times encompassed him, when he has suffered insults and abuse sufficient to provoke the patience of a saint. But libel and calumny leave him cold. The brawling and the squabbling of the political market place are not for him.

In the last analysis, however, his power and influence stem from the peerless quality of his intellect. It was said of the movement to secure union in South Africa in the early years of the century that Botha was its heart, but Smuts its brains, and this I believe to be true. His mind is altogether extraordinary in its vast knowledge and almost unlimited capacity to absorb facts, and from these faculties his shrewd political prescience obtains.

Throughout his career, the Field-Marshal has stood for the merging of racial and other distinctions in a common patriotism to South Africa. He himself took office under Hertzog, his political opponent of many years, when he deemed such a course in the best interest of his country. The generosity of this gesture can by no means be tarnished.

But Smuts is also a patriot in a wider sense. To the strengthening of the ties which bind the British Commonwealth of Nations he has devoted most studious care and all the force of a dynamic mind. In passionate fidelity to this great family of nations he ranks second to none. He has given inspiration and loyalty to the design of international order, and was one of the first to recognise the supreme necessity to establish a working comity of all the nations of the world.

Smuts will surely go down in history as a man well matched to every task he undertook. To his own country he is the pioneer who, more than any other, shaped its destiny. The Commonwealth he serves so well will ever count him one of its best loved sons. In proud affection we salute him and pay homage to his genius. So long as men cherish freedom, we shall honour Smuts always.

'Your joy no man taketh'

By THE REV. ROBERT F. V. SCOTT, D.D.

Supposing a person, entirely ignorant of the Christian faith, were to wander into a service in any of our denominations today, do you think he would receive an impression of joy?

Would he feel he was in the company of joyful people? The singing of psalms and hymns might convey a sense of joyfulness; but equally it might not. The splendour of a choral Eucharist; the devout reading of the service; the preaching of a good sermon; these might well convey a sense of beauty, of reality or of earnestness, but hardly, in the normal way, of joy. Yet in the Gospel, our visitor would hear these words of Our Lord: "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

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Some will argue that there is little to be joyful about in the world today; that in the face of the many and grave dangers that threaten the faithful, Christians may be expected to be resolute and determined, but scarcely to be joyful.

But surely exactly the same might have been said by Christians of the times in which the New Testament was written. The faithful were as seriously threatened then as they are today; yet the note of joy keeps breaking through in all their writings. They were indeed a happy people in the midst of much unhappiness and in spite of all their suffering.

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May the reason be that their church life was more completely centred in the presence of Our Lord than is ours; that to them to meet together was to meet with Him?

They had not then worked out an established order of worship. In the breaking of bread they knew him to be present with them. This was the source of their constant joy. That is true of some Christians today. The trouble with many is that the means — the meeting together, the breaking of bread, the church service, — have become ends in themselves.

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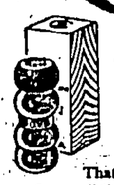

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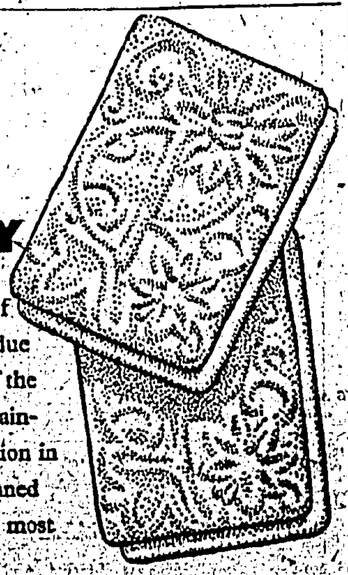

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HERE COMES THE BRIDE

By Christine Jackson

How fortunate the June bride of this year 1950! For ingenuity in design, superior smartness in styling and keen awareness of fashion trends, bridal creations for the present season have never been better, especially when supplemented by a wondrous range of materials from the traditional satins, velvets, laces, and brocades (for the formal wedding) to the nylons, marquisettes and organdies (for the not-so-formal).

Pearl satin, cut on classic lines, with a seemingly mile-long train, is still a first and cherished favourite for the June bride.

The high-buttoned bodice finishing in a tiny Peter Pan collar embroidered with seed pearls has now been supplanted by the boat-shaped neckline, filled in with a yoke of filmy marquisette and studded with pearls from shoulder to shoulder; or a deep decolletage, amply filled in with exquisite French lace.

Sleeves are long—long, and tightly buttoned with six buttons from the wrist—or for the bride who prefers to take her weather seriously (and who wouldn't, at this time of the year?), the cap-sleeved style is equally presentable, teamed with above-the-elbow white glace kid gloves.

With the addition of Chantilly-type nylon lace to the never ending stream of new materials, today's bride can also indulge in her heart's desire of a Lace Bridal Gown; exquisitely tailored it's very simplicity a perfect foil for both bride and the weave of the fabric—showing off both to perfection.

Combinations

But for the bride who feels that the heavy outlay for the hundred 'n one "musts" she is entitled to have for her trousseau does not quite cover a full bridal gown in lace, she should also remember that lace used in combination with organdie, marquisette or rayon net can be—and is—equally as enchanting.

Seen recently—an imported model of flashing white organdie, delicately tucked in three-tiered bands alternating with lace, the whole topped off with a long-sleeved lace jacket—discarded after the wedding, and leaving an ideal strapless dress for summer dining 'n dancing.

In the new tradition

For the bride who plans a less formal wedding, the short wedding dress is a charming choice. Lace again—this time nothing short of magnificent in snowy white, dropping in deep points over mysterious bouffant underskirts, while the bridesmaids' dress repeats it line for line in a floaty pale pink mousseline.

The popularity of the handkerchief hemline is well demonstrated in a further model of the equally pale slip of rayon satin, the blue net forming a fichu for the shoulders.

Back to the long dress—with an adaptation. In plain and embroidered imported organdie, featuring a deep decolletage and tiny puffed sleeves, it has a detachable overskirt and train that can be laid aside for dancing.

Another turn-about dress is the puffy shirtwaist in organdie with alternate tucks of rayon taffeta, the detachable jacket with its billowy Bishop sleeves veiling a not-so-demure evening dress.

Bridal accessories

White satin pumps or Capezio slippers, long or short kid or lace gloves, three-quarter Illusion veils (but not forgetting Grandmother's heirloom lace veil for this Most Special of Occasions), and the traditional orange blossom wreath, spray, or pearl Juliet cap, are only a few of the basic accessories completing the flowery fragrance and romantic mood of a June wedding.

US as a woman sees it

Sarah Churchill told me, just before she left for England, that she's very excited about her first Hollywood film, with MGM.

"I don't know a thing about it yet," she said, speaking from Albany, where she was winding up her U.S. tour in "The Philadelphia Story." "I haven't even seen the script yet, but they tested me for Technicolor when I was on the Coast, and I just know the film is to be called 'Royal Wedding', and that I shall play opposite Fred Astaire."

Miss Churchill will have a pretty strenuous time if she is to do a dance routine with Astaire.

The 51-year old movie star is still America's Number One dancer. Rehearsals for his numbers start weeks in advance and he doesn't spare himself or anybody who works with him.

His first screen test reported: "Can't act. Slightly bald. Can dance a little."

He says: "To me, dancing is as tough as stevedoring," so if Sarah Churchill is to do a dance routine with him, as she told me she hoped would be the case, she will find it even more strenuous than her 10 months on the road with "The Philadelphia Story."

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Grandma's old rocking chair is back in fashion!

Yes Sir, believe it or not, that squeaky old rocker streamlined in blond American maple and upholstered in foam rubber, is one of the highlights of an exhibition currently showing in New York.

London-born Mr. Robsjohn-Gibbings, who came to the U.S. from England in 1929, puts forward a collection of furniture aimed at the medium income group which is striking because your first impression is, "But I've seen this before!"

Then you take a closer look at Mr. Gibbing's ingenious use of foam rubber upholstery and at the cunningly tapered legs of his trestle tables. You note the streamlined, handleless chests sitting four-square to the ground and opening at the touch of a finger on their bevelled mouldings, and you see his brilliant use of colour or an equally inspired neutrality—and you reconsider.

Yet most Americans have seen it before—in some shape or form. For Mr. Gibbings, who is considered one of the foremost designers in the U.S. today, has been inspired by the homely shapes of the furniture which the Pilgrims brought with them 200 years ago—the rocking chair, the ladder-back chair, the trestle table.

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Miss Kathleen Byron, British film actress, wears a charming necklace and ear-rings to match.

Costume jewellery

Fancy and costume jewellery were displayed in great variety at the British Industries Fair which ended recently.

The exhibits which were part of the Fancy Goods section at Olympia, London, showed that United Kingdom manufacturers have produced outstanding designs equalling anything that has been seen on the Continent of Europe or made in the United States.

Prices range from a few shillings per dozen, thus providing elegant dress ornaments at low prices. Many of the younger designers in Britain have shown much originality and an impressive talent in this field.

The fancy goods industry has continued to make progress, which began with the cessation of hostilities, during the past year, just as there has been more progress amongst the other light industries. In particular much greater attention has been given to design than before.

The immediate post-war demand for merchandise of all kinds all too frequently led to a hurried production programme in which design, handicapped at times by the use of substitute materials, was often neglected.

With the first and urgent demands satisfied, and the restrictive influences of purchase tax on home trade sales, together increased competition as more and more factories were able to expand their production, new ideas, new methods and new designs have been encouraged.

Manufacturers of fancy goods are now keenly alive to the necessity of improving the quality and design of their goods, at the same time keeping the price factor well in the foreground. The results of these tendencies was strongly in evidence at both Olympic and Earls Court where overseas buyers found, particularly in the Fancy Goods section, a vast selection of merchandise in all price ranges, suitable for the varying tastes of the world's markets in which good design is a noticable feature.

Beautiful compacts

In the many compacts which were exhibited craftsmanship and a superb finish satisfied the most fastidious buyers. Amongst the strong selling features are utmost precision in manufacture, the internal fittings, flush thumb catches, inner sifter and lids, ensuring powder tightness, and the widest choice in shapes and finishes.

Anodised aluminium ware, which is becoming daily more popular, was shown in many beautiful permanent shades including gold, pastel blue, cyclamen and jade. Amongst the articles made are flower vases, trays, fruit sets, fluted bowls, tea and coffee trolleys and cocktail buffets. They are mostly hand made and polished to a mirror like finish.

The Birmingham manufacturers of brassware have added to their already wide ranges of period pieces. It is mostly treated so that it requires no cleaning. Miniature, brass and copper ware is providing many popular selling lines. Candlesticks, warming pans and ewers a few inches in size in copper are very attractive, and should appeal to buyers from the Commonwealth countries and the United States.

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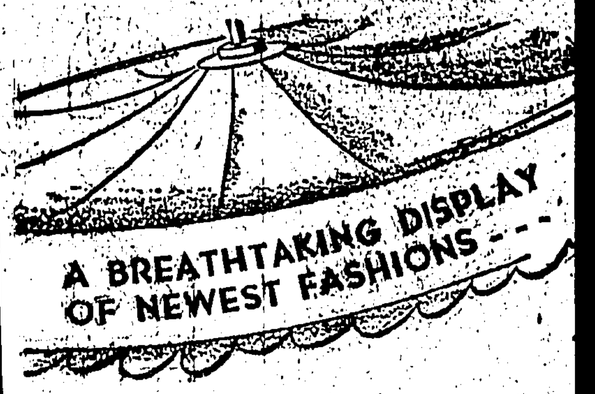

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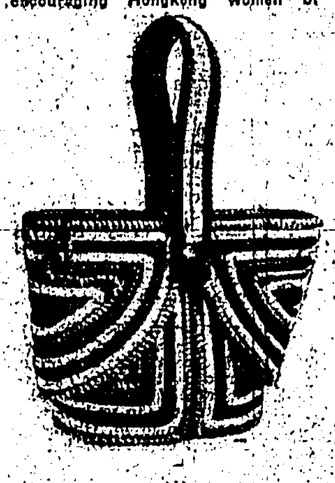

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BEAUTY IN MATURITY

By CLAUDIA

For the "over 40's" beauty's most pressing problem is usually concerned with wrinkles. And very often it is not until they are becoming really noticeable that we begin to worry about them.

It is comforting to know that it is possible to remedy the condition to a very great extent, though it is far better to have prevented it by earlier care of the skin.

Wrinkles are due to several different causes and it is as well to study your own particular variety before taking action.

The mobile, expressive face is the type which forms deeply marked lines early, particularly on the brow, at the corners of the eyes and from the sides of the nostrils to the corners of the lips.

These are often called lines of character, or "laughter lines", but their owners do not realise how frequently they screw up their faces when talking—or even thinking! The same applies to frowning, which can develop into such a habit that it becomes unconscious and instinctive.

Try to correct these habits, and teach the face to relax in repose.

Undernourished skin

Another chief cause of wrinkles is simply a neglected, undernourished skin. Has the daily use of a good, rich emollient cream been part of your beauty routine for the past 10 years at least? If not, the cause of all those fine lines is not hard to find.

You can work wonders with them even now, for their chief need is regular lubrication . . . and the prescribed dose is the equivalent of a heaped teaspoonful of cream every day, applied half in the morning and half in the evening and left on each time for 20 minutes . . . while you are bathing is an excellent time.

Then there are the lines caused by tissues which are beginning to sag, to blur the clear outline of the features—often found under the eyes, around the mouth and along the jaw line at the base of the cheeks. For these there are specially rich creams and astringent oils for tightening up the tiny muscles and bracing the tissues.

After 40 tissue creams, vitamin creams or vitormone creams should be introduced into the schedule of beauty care. A little used every other night, massaged in very lightly, is usually sufficient, more frequently for intensive treatment in special cases.

The neck needs special treatment too. Regard the face and neck as one area, and never cream the face without giving the neck its share as well. A richer cream, or a special cream for the neck should be used, massaged in with firm, light upward strokes, using the balls of all the fingers and the thumb each hand alternately.

Under the chin

Under the chin slap lightly with the backs of the fingers, massage the cream with the balls of the fingers from throat to chinline.

After 40 is the time to make a regular habit of the weekly massage and face masque or pack. You can put yourself in the hands of a qualified beauty specialist or you can study the technique for home treatment.

Choose your masque carefully, making sure that you know exactly what its properties are. Some are for bleaching and refining the skin; some are for removing impurities; some are to correct oiliness, and remove blemishes; but the best for your own regular use are those which tone, relaxed muscles and stimulate the skin.

Follow the instructions carefully and leave on for exactly the time prescribed . . . and here are three useful tips to help you get the best value from your masque treatment.

1. Whatever the masque, your face must be relaxed and immobile while it is on. The best place to be is lying quite flat, with your feet raised on a pillow, higher than head . . . relaxing the whole body.

2. If your skin is fine and sensitive, leave it moist after cleansing before applying the masque.

3. When you feel the masque begin to tighten, place three fingers along the hairline at each temple and press upward, lifting the skin gently.

East side West side

. . . and all around the town this heart-shaped breton, worn by Cyd Charisse, Hollywood actress, caught in a mesh of moss green veiling and trimmed with a cluster of gold cabbage roses will create a fashion furore.

Toys to teach while they are playing

The modern trend in child education which combines play with learning is reflected strongly in the newest models in toys for girls and boys of all ages.

Buyers will find something to suit every taste in the Toys and Games section at the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 8 to May 19).

Among the practical toys shown at Olympia will be new playtime furniture an exact replica made to scale of the full-sized household unit. With the kitchen unit — 30½ inches high — a little girl can learn cooking.

Made in hardwood, and finished in pink or blue cellulose, it is equipped with canisters, a saucepan, colander, pastry bowl, pastry board, a small iron and ironing board. The makers, Lines Brothers, Limited, of Triang Works, Modern Road, Merton, London, S.W. 19., also produce laundry units, an agricultural tractor, a station wagon, and other practical toys.

For boys there are hand-finished bricks which can be used for making models of public buildings, houses and bridges. Through a self-locking device on each separate brick the finished model can be kept firmly together.

The bricks are made by he Premo Rubber Company, Limited, of the Rubber Works, Petersfield, Hampshire, England. This firm has other novelties for the young builder: a new type of tile for roofing a house, and new designs for windows. A plastic toy railway made by M. Lee and Son, Limited, Akraqual Works, Bates Hill, Redditch, Worcestershire, England, will also please boys with a mechanical turn of mind. With the exception of a steel spring, even the clockwork mechanism is plastic, and the plastic rails are extra strong.

Realistic models of farms, zoos and ranches, can be used to teach children about all kinds of animals. Designed after much careful research, these animals resemble real ones. They are produced by Toy Imports Limited, 26, Westbourne Grove, London, W.2, and can be bought singly so that a child can collect what animals he likes. Animals also feature in the "Mobo" series made by Sebel Products Limited, 39, New Oxford Street, London, W.C.1. A terrier and a spaniel can be taken for walks on a realistic lead, while the "Mobo" horse, a dappled steed, will prance across the nursery floor.

Ann Temple

Mirror of desires

During the war I met an American soldier — John. We fell in love. He proposed, and I couldn't accept. I would not leave my mother, whom I adore. Later I married — a man I greatly admired.

I soon found I had made a mistake. He lives for his work. He works evenings and weekends, never takes me out. We have a lovely boy of four. I want to be loved, and have a little romance in my life.

A month ago John came to see my mother. He did not know I was married. As soon as I saw him I knew I still loved him. He said he had never forgotten me, and still loves me.

How can I adjust myself to fit in with my husband's way of living? How can I choose right from wrong? Surely we are entitled to happiness. I have my boy's future to consider, but when he is older and leaves me to get married my life will be empty.

So should I give the best years of my life to my child and be faithful to my husband, and, maybe, regret it all my life, or should I see John while he is in Europe and be happy with him?
—ADRIENNE.

You are looking at the problem as through a mirror — the mirror of your desires. Try to see it objectively.

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Next, this "best years of your life." Jump 20 years ahead and look back. Suppose you had decided to study your marriage intelligently, asked yourself whether it was through any failure of yours that your husband had so narrowed his life.

Suppose you had decided to go all out to make him happy, to create a home in which your son could grow up secure, contented, loved.

Suppose you had started building yourself up into a woman with interests, friends, varied activities, developing and progressing as a friend and valued companion to your son as he grew from childhood to manhood. Would you call those years wasted?

Did you ever take that view of the road? Or have you looked only at the one road to Romance? It may present a very fair picture, but be sure that you count its costs too, that you allow for all the weary little hum-drum realities of everyday living.

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NEW ECA DIVISION FOR SE ASIA AID

Washington, May 26.

The Marshal Plan director, Paul Hoffman, announced today the creation of a new Far East programme division to aid non-Communist countries of South East Asia.

He described Asia as one of the danger spots in the world where we have no time to lose.

Mr. Hoffman appointed Harlan Cleveland, formerly head of the China programme, to be director of the new division.

Marshall Plan officials intend to deal directly with non-Communist National Governments in South East Asia, but in the case of the Vietnam Government of Indo-China, it will also consult French officials in Paris. Mr. Cleveland is in France now in this connection.

ECA officials did not know how much money would be available for the South East Asia programme. However, approximately US$110,000,000 remained unspent from appropriations for China recovery aid and some of this is being used for economic aid to Taiwan while other parts may be used in nearby countries.

Establishment of the South East Asia programme resulted from a special State Department survey headed by Allen Griffin, former deputy chief of ECA's special mission to China.

Modest cost

The programme is being worked out by an Economic Co-operation Administration department. Mr. Hoffman said the cost would be a comparatively modest figure.

His announcement followed the Government's disclosure yesterday that it would also help French Indo-China economically.

Mr. Hoffman said the South East Asia programme might be the forerunner of Point Four aid to economically-underdeveloped nations. Congress has authorised US$35,000,000 for such purposes. ECA officials said the South East Asia plan would not follow the pattern of Marshall Plan aid to Europe.

General conditions there limited the type and amount of aid. Aid would be limited to technical assistance, basic health measures and aid to agriculture.

Long-range development would have to await conditions of security before being put into operation.—United Press.

CANADIAN "NO" TO TARIFFS

Toronto, May 26.

The Canadian Trade Minister, Mr. C. D. Howe, declared here tonight that it was essential to recognise the importance of India, Pakistan and Ceylon in Canada's external trade.

Asserting that non-dollar countries should be given every encouragement in their efforts to increase exports to Canada, he pointed out that in the Indian sub-continent there were three new countries with a total population in excess of 450,000,000.

Observers saw in Mr. Howe's speech an implied "no" to sections of Canadian industry which have asked for protective or anti-dumping tariffs against certain goods from overseas, particularly Britain.

Several Cabinet Ministers in recent speeches have taken the line that Canadian industry would have to be prepared to meet competition from overseas, and that it was in the Dominion's best interests to let overseas producers compete freely.

Mr. Howe, who was addressing the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said, "If we buy more, we can sell more, and if we buy less, we will sell less.

"Because Britain is one of our oldest and most important markets, we have naturally given our major attention to this market.

"However, as you know, there are several other important countries which are members of the Sterling Area."—Reuter.

INDIA'S NEW FINANCE MINISTER

New Delhi, May 26.

Mr. C.D. Deshmukh, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, is to succeed Dr. John Matthai as Indian Finance Minister.

Financial and commercial circles in Bombay welcomed the appointment of Mr. Deshmukh.

Cambridge-educated, 54-year-old Mr. Deshmukh, widely regarded as India's "financial wizard," is at present a member of the National Planning Commission and Indian Governor of the International Monetary Fund and Bank.

The Bombay Stock Exchange reacted sharply to the announcement from Delhi on Mr. Deshmukh's appointment.

Tata deferreds—the barometer of Indian stock markets—which closed this afternoon at 1,587.5 unofficially were quoted on the curb tonight at around 1,615.

The feeling among operators was one of keen optimism induced by confidence in Mr. Deshmukh's ability to maintain the financial stability of the country.—Reuter.

INSURANCE OF CATTLE

San Francisco, May 26.

A cattle insurance scheme has been started by the East China branch of the People's Insurance Company, Peking Radio reported tonight.

It said that as an experiment the Company first of all sent veterinary surgeons to inspect 32,000 plough-oxen in Shangho county in Shantung Province. It then worked out a basis for insuring the oxen against cattle plague. The oxen will be inoculated against various diseases.—Reuter.

KOREAN TRADE MISSION

Sydney, May 26.

A private mission from South Korea, which is visiting Australia, New Zealand and South East Asian countries to foster trade, arrived at Darwin today.

The leader of the mission, Chung-soo Oh, said that South Korea's steady recovery since the war had reached a point where the country had an export surplus.

The mission is on its way to sydney.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 26.

Oil, motor and garage shares chalked up gains today following the end of petrol rationing. Anglo-Iranian advanced 3/16 to 7-1/2. Shell closed 3/9d. up.

Government stocks were firm. The market will remain closed until next Tuesday, because of the Whitsun holiday.

Financial Times index 110.4—new 1950 high, up 0.8.—Associated Press.

SHIP HITS MINE NEAR SAIGON

Paris, May 26.

The French cargo steamer Lieutenant St. Loubert Bie (6,200 tons), struck a mine in the Saigon River today when bound for Haiphong, Agence France Presse reported.

The ship belonged to the Messageries Maritimes Company.—Reuter.

ARBITRATION IN RANGOON

Rangoon, May 26.

An industrial arbitration court here decided today that tramway workers should receive no increase in basic pay, but directed the company to revise its cost of living allowance.

The men had demanded an increase from 35 rupees a month to 40 as the basic minimum.

The court also decided that workers not allotted rent-free quarters should get a house allowance of 10 per cent of their basic wage, with a minimum of seven and a half rupees from June 1.

It also ordered the company to pay workers an annual increment within various grades and to work out a scheme for these increments to be studied by the workers and submitted to the court before September 1.

Increments as approved by the court would be payable from January 1, 1951, to those with at least one year's service.—Reuter.

INDO-PAKISTANI AGREEMENT

New Delhi, May 25.

Indian and Pakistani Government railway officials reached a preliminary agreement today on the resumption of freight traffic between the two countries. A statement issued at the close of the joint railway conference said both sides agreed that a through train service is necessary to restore the normal flow of goods.

Trains stopped running between India and Pakistan a few days after the partition in August 1947. It has never been resumed.—United Press.

Shanghai taxpayers may appeal

The Communist authorities in Shanghai have set up a "gripe board" for the benefit of indignant taxpayers.

Under the new system, industrial and business concerns who feel that their tax assessments are unfair or biased may appeal to the board for a tax reduction.

As matters stand now, a Communist sub-committee charges each business firm with an arbitrary tax quota. If a businessman feels his assessment is too high, he now has five days to appeal to the new group, which is officially known as the "Democratic Tax Appraisal Board."

A report from Shanghai says that the new Board was established to encourage taxpayers, to co-operate with the tax authorities and to provide the feeling that the tax burden is being equitably borne. — Associated Press.

PETROL IMPORTS TO AUSTRALIA

Camberra, May 26.

Australia is considering a proposal to cut her petrol imports from dollar areas, the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, said in a written reply to a Labour question in the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Menzies said that a reduction in petrol imports would not mean more dollars for other goods, because spending on oil was excluded from the general dollars budget.

Replying to a question, the Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Fadden, said that the lifting of petrol rationing in Australia had not contributed to the acute shortage of dollars for other goods.

The National Development Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, in another reply, said that the dollar shortage was very definitely and positively holding back Australian development.—Reuter.

BRITISH HELP FOR MALTA

London, May 26.

Britain is willing to provide £1,500,000 to help Malta regain economic stability on grounds analagous to those which prompted the Marshall Plan, Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, told Parliament today.

He said that Sir George Schuster, who had recently studied Malta's economic situation at the request of the Malta Government, had recommended that this assistance be spread over the next five years.

The British Government was prepared to contribute up to that amount from colonial development and welfare funds.—Reuter.

CHEKIANG TRADE

San Francisco, May 27.

Marketing and supply co-operatives in Chekiang Province have handled trade amounting to more than 10 billion Communist dollars in the first quarter of 1950, Peking Radio reported tonight.

This represented one-third of the value of side occupations undertaken by peasants, the Radio said.

It added, "This co-operative trading greatly reduced exploitation of peasants by middlemen and helped to organise people to take up side occupations and revive dying handicrafts.—United Press.

More petrol for UK

Washington, May 26.

Oil Company officials said today that ending of rationing in Britain meant the import of an extra 500,000 tons of petrol a year, of which United States oil companies would provide from 50 to 60 per cent.

Standard Oil of New Jersey was expected to take two-thirds and Caltex one-third of the United States' share. The fact that these companies offered to supply their share for sterling did not affect present oil negotiations, but there was an implication that the British Government would now view these negotiations in a light more favourable to American oil companies and may allow American companies to compete for the fuel oil market in Britain, from which they are at present excluded due to the dollar scarcity.

The British Government is expected to view more liberally the problem of conversion into dollars of profits earned by American companies in Britain. The British Government allowed Standard Oil of New Jersey and Caltex to buy supplies with sterling which they obtained from the sale of extra petrol they will now sell Britain. The money will be spent in the production of tankers, oil and petrol equipment.

The California Texas Oil Company considered the agreement leading to the end of petrol rationing in Britain only as an interim step which still left unsolved the main American complaint against sterling area bans on dollar oil.

Caltex explained that it agreed to share in providing the increased amount of oil but that this in no way compromised its determination to press for solution of what it called the basic problem. The Caltex statement said bluntly that the interim agreement does not directly contribute special profits toward solution of the basic American complaint. Caltex is owned jointly by the Standard Oil Company of California and the Texas Company.—United Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 26.

Rubber stocks advanced sharply in today's market. Goodrich rubber closed with a startling four-point gain at 95, the highest price paid since 1929. Other issues turned in a somewhat humdrum performance by contrast with the rubbers. Transfers were 1,330,000 shares.

Among the gainers were Youngstown Sheet, Childs, International Minerals, General Motors, Chrysler, Phelps Dodge, American Cyanamid, General Electric, U.S. Gypsum.

Balky were Bethlehem Steel, Douglas Aircraft, Allied Chemical, Dow Chemical and Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 78.24; 20 Industrials 221.93; 15 Rails 56.35; 10 Utilities 43.71.

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American Smelting	54¾
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Anaconda Copper	33
Aviation Corp.	7⅝
Baldwin Locamotive	10⅞
Barnsdall	52½
Bendix Aviation	45¾
Bethlehem Steel	30⅞
Boeing Aircraft	29¼
Borden Co.	51¼
Canadian Pacific	15½
J. I. Case	43¾
Chrysler	69¾
Colgate	45½
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Corn Products	67⅝
Du Pont	79⅜
Eastman Kodak	46⅛
General Electric	49½
" Motors	89
Goodrich	95
Goodyear	54¼
Homestake Mining	47½
International Harvester	28⅜
" Paper	45¾
" Tel & Tel	13½
Johns Manville	50½
Kennecott Copper	57
Montgomery Ward	61¾
National Distillers	22⅜
" Lead	45¾
New York Central	13⅝
Packard Motors	3¾
Pan American Airways	9⅝
Pennsylvania RR	10⅞
Radio Corp.	19⅛
Remington Rand	13
Republic Steel	33⅜
Reynolds Tobacco	37¾
Schenley	32⅝
Sears Roebuck	45⅛
Shell Oil	44
Socony Vacuum	19
Southern Pacific	55½
Standard Brands	23¾
" Oil of N. J.	74⅞
Studebaker	34¼
Union Bag	29⅝
" Carbide	50⅞
US Rubber	45⅝
" Steel	32⅞
" Lines	15¼
Westinghouse	35
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	94⅝
Gen. Pub. Utilities	17⅛

Rail bonds moved downward.

Curb gainers included Calgary and Edmonton, Colts Manufacturing, Royal Oil, Meabbi Iron.—Associated Press.

INDIAN TEA EXPORTS

New Delhi, May 26.

The Indian Government today said it will release 435,530,713 pounds of tea for export in 1950.—Associated Press.

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"BENAVON"	—"—	" 16th July
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"BENARTY"	Genoa, Le Havre, London & Hamburg.	10th June
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TODAY

Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.
Hewsang (Jardine) for Bandakan.
Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.

TOMORROW

Pacific Transport (Jardine)) for Pacific Coast.
Poyang (B & S) for Tientsin.
Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Pacific Coast.
Nordtjernan (Everett) for Singapore.

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Azov B.16
Barina (Chi Hain) ..... Yau.
Calchas (B & S) ..... Holts.
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Cheong Hsing (Chung Hsing) ... KD
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... K.D.
Choysang (Jardine) B.10
Chung Hsing (Chung Hsing) .. Yau.
Chunsang (Jardine) B.10
Daviken (Lee Yuen) B.11
Denbighshire (Jardine) ..... Holts.
Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Ethel Moller (Mollers) ..... KD
Elsie Moller (Mollers) ..... Yau.
Empire Trooper (Mac Mac) .... NP
Empire Park (Lam Kee) .... D.wh
Esang (Jardine) B.18
Foochow (B & S) B.14
Germa (Trinity) ..... SC
Granadoc (Wallem) ..... TD
Hai Lee (Thoresen) B.19
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
Hanyang (B & S) ..... Cust.
Hai Nan (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Hewsang (Jardine) B.23
Hung Chang (CMSN) ..... Yau
Inchmay (Williamson) ..... Yau.
Inchmuil (Williamson) ..... SC
Jeep Hee (Jebshun) B.14
Kam Sing (Colonial) ..... SS Po.
Lady Wolmer (Roland) ..... SC
Leong Bee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Mampana (RIL) ..... LCK
Mui Nan (Shen Seng) B.17
Norina (Lee Bros) ..... Yau.
Norberg (Wallem) ..... KD
North Star (Deacon) ..... TD
Pacific Dragon (C. M. Trust) .. SC
Pakhoi (B & S) B.5
Paula (B & S) ..... Mac. wh.
Poltava (Metro) ..... KD
Produce (B & S) B.17
Poyang (B & S) ..... Cust.
Romantico (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Sacramento (HHES) ..... SS Po.
Sagen (Wallem) B.7
Sanhay (King Tai) ..... Yau.
San Antonio (Manners) ..... TD
Stagen (RIL) ..... LCK
San Roberto (Manners) ..... KD
Strait Soenda (RIL) ..... KD
Shengking (B & S) ..... Cust. Wh.
Talyuan (B & S) ..... K.wh
Tegelberg (RIL) A.9
Tainan (B & S) B.11
Valve (Hung Hing) ..... Yau.
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C
Yen Men (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Yunan (B & S) B.24

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA

Tjikampek (RIL) ..... June 22
July
Ruys (RIL) 1

AMERICA
ALANTIC COAST

May
Arnold Maersk (Jebsen) 30
Bonneville (Thoresen) 31
Brooklyn Heights (Pattison) ex-New York 30
Pres. Jefferson (APL) 28
June
Pioneer Bay (USL) 1
Aristedes (Loxley) 6
C. E. Dant (Dodwell) 1
China Mail (Everett) ..... mid
Fernfield (Thoresen) 10
California (Dodwell) 13
Flying Independent (Pattison) ex-New York 18
Ida Bakke (Mac Mac) 7
Idaho (Dodwell) 22
India Mail (Everett) ..... 1st.wk.
Javanese Prince (Jardine) 10
Jean Lafitte (Wallem) 24
Madaket (Wallem) 9
Pioneer Dale (USL) 11
Pioneer Lake (USL) 24
Pleasantville (Thoresen) 27
Pres. Grant (APL) 4
Pres. Tyler (APL) 10
Reinholt (Wallem) 18
Sally Maersk (Jebsen) 13
Skaubo (Mac Mac) 7
Steel Seafarer (Gilman) 24
Triton (Loxley) 21
Tudor (Dodwell) 18
July
Lisholt (Wallem) 3
Belleville (Thoresen) 10
British Prince (Jardine) 31
Chinese Prince (Jardine) 4
Fernstfoam (Thoresen) 30
Marchen Maersk (Jebsen) 2
Oregon (Dodwell) 1
Steel Rover (Gilman) 15
Tungus (Dodwell) 18
Williamette Victory (AFL) 15
Aug.
Farnbay (Thoresen) 10
Ferndale Thoresen) 30
Steel Admiral (Gilman) 15
Sept.
Fernside (Thoresen) 30
Oct.
Javanese Prince (Jardine) 15

PACIFIC COAST

May
Flying Dragon (USL) 31
Nikobar (E.A.) 29
Pacific Transport (Jardine) 22
Pres. Cleveland (APL) 22
Tradewind (USL) 30
June
America Transport (Jardine) 8
Fleetwood (USL) 11
General Gordon (APL) 19
Mangarella (Wallem) 29
Philippine Bear (USL) 16
Philippine Transport (Jardine) 21
Parramatta (Wallem) 19
Pres. Mckinley (APL) 15
Pres. Wilson (APL) 19
Pres. Harrison (APL) 7
Skaub (Mac Mac) 7
Tranquebar (E.A.) 14

H.K. Transport (Jardine) ..... July 4
Serampore (E.A.) 15

AUSTRALIA

Eastern (Mac Mac) ..... May 31
Hindustan (Jardine) 31
June
Baluchistan (Jardine) ex-Brisbane 30
Eastern Glory (Jardine) 3
Citos (Dodwell) 4
Changsha (B & S) 8
Merker (Gibb Livingston) 6
Taiping (B & S) 1
July
Baluchistan (Jardine) ex-Brisbane.. 6
Aros (Dodwell) ..... beg.

CHINA

Hupeh (B & S) ex-Tientsin ..... May 31
Nordtjernan (Everett) ex-Keelung 26
Soochow (B & S) ex-Keelung 31
Taksang (Jardine) ex-Keelung ... 29
June
Leneverett (Everett) ex-Keelung 1

EUROPE

Bali (Gilman) ..... May 30
La Marseillaise (MM) ex-Marseilles 30
Troja (Thoresen) 29
Surat (Mac Mac) ex-London 30
June
Aeneas (B & S) ex-U.K. 27
Agapenor (B & S) ex-U.K. via Straits 13
Benarty (Loxley) ex-U.K. 6
Benvorlich (Loxley) 11
Benmacdhui (Loxley) ex-U.K. 21
Benlomond (Loxley) 24
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London 8
Dollus (B & S) ex-U.K. 15
Glenorchy (Jardine) 13
Glenartney (Jardine) 29
Grenoble (MM) 15
Hai Hing (Gilman) 3
Langlescott (RIL) 14
Paleus (B & S) ex-U.K. 13
Somali (Mac Mac) ex-London 19
Sumatra (Gilman) ..... end
Tai Yang (Thoresen) 18
Benvenue (Loxley) 29
July
Automedon (B & S) ex-U.K. 13
Benavon (Loxley) 16
Benalder (Loxley) 2
Breconshire (Jardine) ex-U.K. ... 25
Carthage (Mac Mac) ex-London 3
Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London 31
Glenearn (Jardine) 10
India (E.A.) ..... beg.
Maron (B & S) ex-U.K. 5
Mindoro (Gilman) ..... end
Mariekerk (RIL) ..... early
Patroclus (B & S) ex-U.K. 18
Tarifa (Thoresen) 19
Aug.
Benlawers (Loxley) ex-U.K. 4
Bendoran (Loxley) ex-U.K. 9
Glengarry (Jardine) ex-U.K. 8
Morella (E.A.) ..... beg.
Sept.
Kvernaas (E.A.) ..... beg.

INDIA

Pundua (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay .. May 30
Sangola (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. 31
June
J. L. Luckenbach (USL) 9
Kutsang (Jardine) ex-Calcutta .. 8

JAPAN

Kafristan (Jardine) ..... June 19
Oxarda (Mac Mac) 6
Purnea (Mac Mac) 22
Rinkerk (RIL) 5
Talyuan (B & S) 17
Shansi (B & S) ex-Kobe 5
Tjisadane (RIL) 7
Tairea (Mac Mac) 9
July
Wosang (Jardine) 6
Langlescott (RIL) 12
Tegelberg (RIL) 4
Aug.
Mariekerk (RIL) ..... early
Ruys (RIL) 3

SOUTH EAST PORTS

Noreverett (Everett) ex-Manila .. May 29
Pioneer Cove (USL) ex-Manila .. 30
Star Betelgeuse (Everett) ex-Singapore 29
June
Kweiyang (B & S) ex-Bangkok .. 2-3
Pioneer Mail (USL) ex-Manila .. 8
Pioneer Bay (USL) ex-Manila .. 28
Tasman (RIL) ex-Singapore 25
Tjikampek (RIL) ex-Manila 28
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Singapore.. 6
Tjibodas (RIL) ex-Singapore 6
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore .. 25
July
Pioneer Dale (USL) ex-Manila.. 6
Ruys (RIL) ex-Manila 1

Sailings To

AFRICA

June
10 Tjisadane (RIL).
14 Berlage (RIL).
July
6 Tegelberg (RIL).
18 Les Gliers (MM).
15 Ste Mere Eglise (MM).
August
5 Ruys (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

June
20 Taiyuan (B & S) for Sydney.
28 Merker (G. Livingston) for New Guinea.
15 Kafristan (Jardine) for Sydney.
24 Clios (Dodwell) for Sydney.
24 Eastern (Mac Mac).
July
4 Eastern Glory (Jardine).
20 Aros (Dodwell).

AMERICA
ATLANTIC COAST

June
1 Pioneer Cove (USL).
2 Bonneville (Thoresen).
3 Fernside (Dodwell).
8 Train Maersk (Jebsen).
1st.wk. India Mail (Everett).
9 Javanese Prince (Jardine).
10 Pioneer Mail (USL).
10 Madaket (Wallem).
11 Pres. Tyler (APL).
11 Reinholt (Wallem).
12 Dona Anicete (B & S) for New York.
mid. China Mail (Everett).
19 Trafalgar (Dodwell).
18 Peter Maersk (Jebsen).
22 Steel Surveyor (Gilman) for New York.
25 Jean Lafitte (Wallem).
28 Ida Bakke (Mac Mac).
30 Pioneer Day (USL).
July
2 Lexa Maersk (Jebsen).
7 Pioneer Dale (USL).
16 Williamette Victory (AFL).
23 Steel Executive (Gilman) for New York.

PACIFIC COAST

May
29 Pres. Cleveland (APL).
29 Pacific Transport (Jardine).
30 Sunnyville (Bank) for San Francisco.
31 Tradewind (USL).
June
1 C. E. Dant (Dodwell).
1 Tradewind (USL).
2 Nikobar (E.A.).
3 Flying Dragon (USL).
5 Pres. Harrison (APL).
8 American Transport (Jardine).
10 J. L. Luckenbach (USL).
11 Philippine Bear (USL).
16 Pres. Mckinley (APL).
18 Fleetwood (USL).
18 Herula (Mac Mac).
20 General Gordon (APL).
14 California (Dodwell).
20 Pres. Wilson (APL).
21 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
22 Steel Surveyor (Gilman).
22 Idaho (Dodwell).
29 Tranquebar (E.A.).
July
2 Oregon (Dodwell).
4 H.K. Transport (Jardine).
23 Steel Executive (Gilman).

CHINA

May
30 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
29 Poyang (B & S) for Tientsin.
31 Taksang (Jardine) for Keelung.
June
1 Brookly Heights (Pattison) for Tsingtao.
4 Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin.
11 Chunsang (Jardine) for Tsingtao.
11 Reinholt (Wallem) for Tsingtao.
21 Flying Independent (Pattison) for Tsingtao.

EUROPE

June
6 Pyrrhus (B & S) for Liverpool.
6 Rinkerk (RIL).
7 Glenroy (Jardine) for U.K.
9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
10 Benarty (Loxley).
10 La Marseillaise (MM) for Marseilles.
18 Boudan (Mac Mac) for London.
16 Benvorlich (Loxley).
14 Korea (E. A.).
15 Les Gliers (MM).
16 Troja (Thoresen).
15 Agapenor (B & S) for U.K.
20 Denbighshire (Jardine) for U.K.
16 Bali (Gilman).
23 Calchas (B & S) for Havre.
27 Benmacdhui (Loxley).
29 Benlomond (Loxley) for U.K.
July
beg. Malaya (E.A.).
2 Surat (Mac Mac).
5 Benalder (Loxley).
7 Carthage (Mac Mac).
20 Benavon (Loxley).
13 Tai Yang (Thoresen).
13 Langlescott (RIL).
15 Ste Mere Eglise (MM).
15 Sumatra (Gilman).
31 Benvenue (Loxley).
August
early Mariekerk (RIL).
4 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.
Tarifa (Thoresen).
17 Benlawers (Loxley) for U.K.
September
1 Ganton (Mac Mac).
29 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
October
27 Corfu (Mac Mac).
November
23 Canton (Mac Mac).
December
9 Chusan (Mac Mac).

INDIA

June
7 Oxarda (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.
10 Tairea (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.
25 Purnea (Mac Mac) for Chittagong

JAPAN

May
31 Pundua (Mac Mac).
30 Pakhoi (B & S) for Yokohama.
31 Foochow (B & S) for Yokohama.
30 La Marseillaise (MM) for Kobe.
31 Star Betelgeuse (Everett).
June
1 Brooklyn Heights (Pattison).
8 Tjibodas (RIL).
2 Taiyuan (B & S).
4 Hinjustan (Jardine).
2 Sangola (Mac Mac).
5 Taiping (B & S).
6 Surat (Mac Mac) for Kobe.
12 Changsa (B & S).
9 Merker (G. Livingston)).
10 Kutsang (Jardine).
10 Paramatta (Wallem) for Fusan.
18 Langlescott (RIL).
20 Paramatta (Wallem) for Fusan.
29 Tjikampek (RIL).
19 Tegelberg (RIL).
21 Flying Independent (Pattison).
28 Ida Bakke (Mac Mac).
July
early Mariekerk (RIL).
8 Ruys (RIL).

SOUTH EAST PORTS

May
28 Hewsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
28 Hai Lee (Thoresen) for Singapore.
29 Nordtjernan (Everett) for Singapore.
22 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
30 Noreverett (Everett) for Singapore
June
1 Yunan (B & S) for Saigon.
2 Produce (B & S) for Singapore.
2 Pioneer Bay (USL) for Manila.
3 Leneverett (Everett) for Manila.
7 Oxarda (Mac Mac) for Straits.
8 Shansi (B & S) for Bangkok.
8 Wosang (Jardine) for Straits.
8 Kweiyang (B & S) for Singapore.
10 Taiwa (Mac Mac) for Singapore.
10 Tjisadane (RIL), for Manila.
14 Williamette Victory (AFL) for Java Ports.
10 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Singapore.
13 Pioneer Dale (USL) for Manila.
14 Berlage (RIL) for Manila.
15-16 Hai Hing (Thoresen) for Singapore.
20 Grenoble (MM) for Saigon.
21 Denbighshire (Jardine for Straits.
24 Steel Seafarer (Gilman) for Saigon.
23 Purnea (Mac Mac) for Straits.
25 Pioneer Lake (USL) for Manila.
30 Tasman (RIL) for Singapore.
July
1 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore
6 Tegelberg (RIL) for Manila.
16 Steel Rover (Gilman) for Saigon.
August
5 Ruys (RIL) for Manila.
16 Steel Admiral (Gilman) for Saigon

SOUTH AMERICA

June
14 Berlage (RIL).
10 Tjisadane (RIL).
July
6 Tegelberg (RIL).
August
5 Ruys RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

May
30 Pres. Jefferson (APL).
June
6 Pres. Grant (APL).

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ss. Pioneer Cove V.13-In is due here on Tuesday morning. She will be moored to Buoy A-10 for discharging-loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for New York via Japan on Thursday.

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The ss. Trade Wind V.25 is due here on Tuesday afternoon. She will be moored to Buoy A-11 for discharging-loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for Seattle-San Francisco-Los Angeles on Thursday.

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The ss. Brooklyn Height is due from New York via Suez at Lyemun Pass on May 30 and after clearing Quarantine and Immigration, will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

She will be despatched for New York via ports and Panama on or about June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter upon completion of cargo work.

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Seattle, May 28.

Ship departures today, Young America for Yokohama.

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San Francisco, Ship arrivals today, Tanker Soubarisen from Yokohama.

Departures, Mary Luckenbach for Manila.—Associated Press.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Paris via Saigon, Hanoi, Haiphong: 4.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 1.30 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 8.10 p.m.

TOMORROW

PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m. ex-London via Brussels, Damascus, Karachi, New Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 11.55 a.m.
PAL ex-Europe via USA, Manila: 12 noon.
BOAC ex-Tokyo 2.55 p.m.; ex-London Bangkok 5.55 p.m.

TUESDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon via Hanoi, Haiphong: 4.15 p.m.
PAA ex-Portland via Seattle, Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.05 p.m.
PAL ex-Manila: 2 p.m.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-Taipeh: 3.30 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

BOAC for Tokyo: 8 a.m.
POAS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.
BRAATHENS for Bangkok Oslo 10 a.m.

TOMORROW

CPA for Sandakan via Manila, Labuan, Jesselton: 8 p.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Basra, Damascus, Istanbul, Brussels, London, Shannon, Gander, Boston: 8 p.m.: San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Midway, Honolulu, Los Angeles: 4.30 p.m.
PAL for Manila: 1.30 p.m.
AIR FRANCE for Saigon: 9 a.m.

TUESDAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.45 a.m.
PAA for San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu, Los Angeles: 4.30 p.m.
BOAC for London via Bangkok: 7 a.m.; for Tokyo: 8 a.m.; for Singapore: 9 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m.; for Manila: 4.45 p.m.

POST OFFICE

General Holiday

On Monday, May 29, 1950, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes.

The Money Order Office, Posts Restante and Wireless Licensing Office will be closed.

Outward Mails

CHINA:—Unregistered letters and printed matters for China mainland and Hainan Island can be accepted at senders' risk and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles (by Air or Sea) and Parcel Posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 8 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Closing Times by Air
Saigon and Paris, Reg. 5 p.m. 27/5, Ord. 10 a.m. 28/5.
Closing Times by Sea
Bangkok, 9 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.

General Holiday
MONDAY, MAY 29
Closing Times by Air
Manila and Jesselton, 11 a.m..
USA and Canada, 12 noon.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, 12 noon.
Singapore, Djakarta, Sydney and Auckland, 12 noon.
Bangkok and Colombo, 12 noon.
Japan, 12 noon.
Taipeh, 12 noon.
Closing Times by Sea
Straits and Rangoon, 9 a.m.
Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 10 a.m.
Korea via Inchon, 12 noon.
Manila, 12 noon.

TUESDAY, MAY 30
Closing Times by Air
Manila, Honolulu and USA (letters, second class mail and parcels); Guam (letters and second class mail); Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.
Haiphong and Saigon, 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Rangoon and Calcutta, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 2 p.m.
Straits, 11 a.m.
Manila, 2 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31
Closing Times by Air
Manila, 11 a.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Japan, 2 p.m.
USA, Central and South America via San Francisco, 2 p.m.

AIR AGREEMENT

London, May 28.

Britain and Iceland have signed an agreement providing for services to be operated by British airlines to run through Iceland and for services to and through Britain by Icelandic airlines.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation said tonight that the agreement regularises services which had been carried out for some time by reciprocal arrangement.—Reuter.

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SAILINGS

s.s. "TAKSANG" Keelung ..... 31st May
s.s. "WOSANG" Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta 8th June
s.s. "KUTSANG" Takao & Japan ..... 10th June
s.s. "CHUNSANG" Inchon, Tientsin & Tsingtao 11th June

ARRIVALS FROM

s.s. "TAKSANG" Keelung ..... 29th May
s.s. "WOSANG" Japan ..... 6th June
s.s. "KUTSANG" Calcutta & Straits ..... 8th June

Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading for MADRAS via Singapore and for KUDAT, JESSELTON, LABUAN, TAWAU, LAHAD-DATU & SEMPORNA via Sandakan.

AUSTRALIA-CHINA LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO

m.v. "HINDUSTAN" Japanese Ports ..... 4th June
m.v. "KAFIRISTAN" Direct To Lae, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide .... about 15th June
s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Fremantle, Melbourne & Sydney ..... 18th July

ARRIVALS FROM

m.v. "HINDUSTAN" Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane ..... 31st May
s.s. "EASTERN GLORY" Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Fremantle ..... 3rd June
m.v. "KAFIRISTAN" Japanese Ports ..... 14th June
s.s. "BALUCHISTAN" Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane ..... 6th July

Cargo accepted on Through Bills of Lading for Transhipment to New Zealand, Fiji and Pacific Island Ports.

GLEN LINE LTD.

SAILINGS TO U.K. AND CONTINENT VIA SUEZ

m.v. "GLENROY"
Loads 5th June Sails 7th June for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Genoa, Casablanca, London Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg. Due London 15th July.
m.v. "DENBIGHSHIRE"
Loads 17th June, Sails 20th June for Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said Alexandria, Genoa, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp. Due London 1st Aug.
(Carrier's option to proceed via other ports to load/discharging)

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. VIA STRAITS

	Leave London	due Hong Kong
m.v. "GLENORCHY"	Sailed	13th June
m.v. "GLENARTNEY"	Sailed	29th June
m.v. "GLENEARN"	6th June	10th July
m.v. "BRECONSHIRE"	21st June	25th July
m.v. "GLENGARRY"	5th July	8th Aug.

All outward vessels accept cargo for Japan Ports

PRINCE LINE LTD.

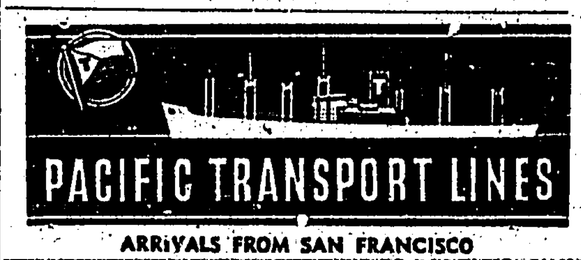
ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC PORTS

	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE" ...	Sailed	Sailed	10th June
m.v. "CHINESE PRINCE"	Sailed	8th June	4th July
s.s. "BRITISH PRINCE"	16th June	5th July	31st July
m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE"	31st Aug.	19th Aug.	15th Oct

HALIFAX, BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.

m.v. "JAVANESE PRINCE"
Loads 10th June for Java, Malaya, Colombo, Halifax, Boston & New York.

All above sailing & arrivals are subject to alteration without notice
All intending Passengers are requested to register their names as far as possible in advance of the time at which they wish to leave.



PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES

ARRIVALS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

	Sails S.F.	Due H.K.
s.s. "PACIFIC TRANSPORT" ..	Discharges	29th May, Buoy A-8.
s.s. "AMERICA TRANSPORT"	Sailed	8th June
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Dark Blues held to a draw by West Indies

Oxford, May 26.

Batsmen found runs so hard to get on a pitch slowed up by yesterday's rain that 15 wickets fell for only 164 runs in four hours' play here today in the match between the West Indies touring team and Oxford University, which ended in a draw.

Once again the West Indies showed their dislike for turf on which the ball does not come through quickly. Conditions were never difficult but the West Indies lost eight wickets and added only 66 runs to their Wednesday score of 61 runs for two wickets in two and a half hours.

They were all out for 127 in reply to Oxford's first innings total of 194.

Oxford, with a first innings lead of 67, lost six second innings' wickets for 68 runs before declaring and leaving the tourists to score 136 for victory. They did not go for the runs and the match was left drawn with their second innings score at 30 for one wicket.

Weekes was dismissed with only five runs added this morning and with Stollmeyer, who batted almost two hours for his 35, and Goddard were both back in the pavilion at 83, when half the side had gone.

A sixth wicket stand looked like developing but at 111 Walcott drove a ball hard into the hands of mid-on and three runs later Williams was run out.

Defended well

Gomez and Jones were content to wait for runs and they defended well up to the interval.

Divecha, the Indian student up at Oxford who so narrowly failed to gain his cricket Blue last season, was chiefly responsible for the West Indies failing to pass the University's first innings score.

Today he came out with the best figures of four wickets for 46 runs and often had the West Indies batsmen in trouble.

After lunch the remaining three West Indies wickets added only two runs, Divecha dismissing two of the batsmen.

Oxford declare

Oxford University declared their second innings closed at 68 for six wickets.

It was obvious that Oxford were out to get quick runs when they had their second knock, and against the fast bowling of Jones and Johnson wickets fell at regular intervals.

They batted altogether about an hour, in which time they lost six wickets and their declaration meant that the West Indies had to score 136 for victory.

It was impossible for the tourists to get the required runs in the time left and the game petered out into a draw after they had made 30 for one wicket in their second innings.

Scores:

Oxford University: 1st Innings 194 runs.

West Indies: 1st Innings

Rae, b Jose	0
Stollmeyer, b Henderson	35
Worrell, run out	1
Weekes, c Jose b Divecha	33
Walcott, c Bartlett b Henderson	20
Goddard, b Divecha	1
Gomez, b Jose	26
Williams, run out	0
Jones, lbw Divecha	4
Johnson, b Divecha	0
Ramadhin, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	127

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Jose	18.2	7	39	2
Divecha	20	9	46	4
Henderson	17	8	23	3
Bartlett	6	1	12	0

Byes, 2, Leg-byes 4, Wides 1 (by Henderson).

Oxford University: 2nd Innings

Boobyer, c Rae b Johnson	0
Holmeyr, c Rae b Jones	9
Carr, c Walcott b Jones	12
Winn, not out	31
Lewis, c Johnson b Jones	4
Campbell, c Stollmeyer b Johnson	0
Rudd, run out	1
Divecha, not out	11
Extras	0
Total (for six) dec.	68

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
José	6	2	9	1
Divecha	2	0	3	0
Carr	4	0	16	0

—Reuter.

R.V. Divecha Awarded his Blue

London, May 26.

The Indian fast-medium bowler, R. V. Divecha, who took four wickets for 46 runs against the West Indies today, was afterwards awarded his Blue and invited to play for Oxford University against Cambridge University, beginning at Lords, on July 8.—Reuter.

Fall of wicket: 1/0, 2/21, 3/22, 4/28, 5/85 and 6/47.

West Indies: 2nd Innings

Rae, not out	10
Stollmeyer, c Campbell b Jose	14
Worrell, not out	6
Extras	0
Total (for one)	30

Wicket fell at 23:

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
José	6	2	9	1
Divecha	2	0	3	0
Carr	4	0	16	0

—Reuter.

SOUNDS SIMPLE

While British divers probe the deep mud at the bottom of Tobermory Bay, Scotland, for the wreck of a Spanish galleon, in Vienna, an Australian engineer and inventor has a machine which, it is said, might have saved the divers weeks of haphazard searching.

He claims to have perfected an instrument capable of locating metal up to a depth of 30 feet under earth or mud. The machine is watertight, and can be carried on a diver's back, as the whole apparatus weighs only about 70 pounds.

Although the construction of the instrument is a secret, the inventor told our correspondent, Ritchie McEwen, that it is worked on a principle similar in some ways to radar.

An electric beam is sent out, capable of passing through all obstructions except metal. As soon as the beam is broken by coming into contact with iron, copper, silver, gold, or other metals, the depth and exact location of the metal are recorded instantly on a dial, and all that remains to be done is to dredge the mud to the required depth.

The inventor is willing to visit Scotland with his machine to help in the search for the sunken galleon if he is asked — though he is sceptical about the existence of the Spanish ship.

RUMANIAN NIGHTMARE

By Davie Lee

After five years of Communism, Rumania's man-in-the-street is worse off, than any other European, although his country is fabulously rich and is spilling over with food, oil and mineral wealth.

His life is a nightmare. His monthly pay will not even buy him a pair of shoddy shoes. His wife starts to queue at four in the morning when she hears a rumour that a butcher may have some meat. (Rumania is a meat exporting country). He has had to sell most of his personal belongings to live, or they have been seized by local Communists.

But worse than empty stomachs and ragged clothes is the day and night fear of the State Security Police.

This is life today in Rumania, described to me by 50 young Rumanians, ranging from medical students to farmers' sons, who recently reached the safety of Trieste, having fled from the Communist rule of their native land.

The Rumanian citizens' pitifully low standard of living is the result of a gigantic piece of chicanery put over by Soviet Russia, and the handful of Rumanian Communists who seized power in the wake of the advancing Red Army.

All Rumania's natural riches are sent to Soviet Russia. These products, wheat, oil, mineral ores, and timber, are purchased by the Russians through allegedly Soviet-Rumanian business partnerships called "Sovroms."

Smooth deals

But the Russians only pay the Rumanians about one quarter of world price for these products which they resell at handsome profits. Britain is buying from Soviet Russia much of Rumania's products obtained in this manner.

Nearer home, the Rumanian citizen had another "smooth" deal put over on him. The Rumanian Communist Government nationalised all private enterprise, factories, businesses and shops, including stocks.

A small-town shop-keeper told me how he lost his business.

A representative from the "Popular Committee"—the local Communist administration which had replaced the mayor and corporation—took over his shop and stock and gave him a receipt for it, saying he would be paid later.

A week later, however, the ex-shop-keeper was told that he had failed to pay the special taxes which had been imposed on private businesses when the Communists took over.

As the taxes were more than the shop was worth, he received no compensation. In fact he considered himself lucky that he was not thrown in gaol.

Thousands of businesses were seized in the same way.

A small farmer told me how he had lost his farm. He was given a produce quota he had to fulfil and sell to the farm co-operative at low, fixed prices.

But the quota demanded more wheat than his land could produce, and an annual 1,000 pounds of pork, though he had no pigs. He sold his furniture and clothes to buy this produce off the black market to fulfil his quota, hoping things would get better.

The system finally squeezed him dry however, and his farm was taken over by the State.

Reds benefit

Who benefits from such lawless deals? Rumania's new Communist hierarchy.

Formerly the country's riff-raff, many of them with criminal records, these Communists live in luxurious villas, own big limousines, and have supreme power.

Few of the old genuine Communists remain; many of them have already been liquidated, though one veteran of the Party is reliably understood to have a fortune in foreign currency tucked away outside Rumania, especially in Switzerland, and is waiting for the opportunity to get away.

Rumania had a reputation for corruption before the war, but the Communists have given a new meaning to the word.

But why do 16,000,000 Rumanians tolerate these Reds who only number five per cent of the population, I asked the Rumanian fugitives in Trieste.

This answer lies in the nation-wide State Security Police, backed by a strong army.

In contrast to the poverty-stricken little man, the police are well-fed, excellently-paid, smartly-uniformed. The army, also, is given the pick of everything.

Recruited from former hobodies, the security police now have the job of a lifetime.

Unlimited power

Even a village policeman has unlimited power. He may walk into any non-party member's house and seize any personal belonging that catches his eye. And there is nothing the ordinary Rumanian can do about it.

A man can be thrown into gaol and left there for months without being brought to trial. While in gaol his home and belongings are requisitioned.

Recently Rumanians innocently returning books to the British Reading Room (now closed) in Bucharest were arrested by State Security Police, and disappeared. It is a crime to read a British newspaper today in Rumania.

Then in each small police-station there is a commissar from headquarters, watching the policemen. If a policeman is seen even to say "good-morning" to a non-Communist he is due for trouble. And each village has its police spies.

In face of this strong police force, backed by divisions of Russian-supervised troops, opposition is nevertheless growing. Former Rumanian army officers and NCOs who were expelled from the Communist army as "unreliable" have formed bands in the hills, and frequently raid isolated police-stations.

The pipe-lines from the Ploesti oil-fields to the Black Sea are now guarded by divisions of troops against increasing sabotage.

A number of arrests were made in Bucharest recently when anti-Russian pamphlets were distributed throughout the city. A story told in Bucharest shows the average Rumanian's feelings about the Russians.

An illiterate old peasant woman found herself in a Communist parade, next to a young Red proudly carrying a portrait of Stalin.

"Who is that?" she asked.

"That's our new king, who saved us from the Germans," explained the youth, knowing the peasants still miss Rumania's dethroned King Michael.

"Then let us pray he will soon deliver us from the Russians," answered the old woman.

FRENCH INT'L LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Paris, May 26.

Only 12 matches could be played in the French lawn tennis championships here today as a thunderstorm flooded the courts soon after lunch.

No Indian players were engaged in today's programme.

Felicisima Arnaiz, Philippines holder of the all-India singles title, reached the third round of the men's singles with a straight sets win over the British junior champion, Joan Hunt.

Geoff Paish, Britain's No. 2, who played in Indian doubles this year, was beaten in four sets by Yvon Petra, French No. 4, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

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On the way up North through the magic mother-of-pearl twilight the plane will fly low over the great Swedish forests, where so much sawn timber and plywood comes from. Passengers will see the vast maze of logs being guided down the mighty Northern rivers to the mills.

The twin iron mountains of Kiruna, which send the British steel industry 3,000,000 tons of the highest grade ore every year, will also be seen at close range as the plane circles round.

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KCC LOSE TO CCC BY 10 SHOTS

IRC beaten by KCC in Second Division

Seven matches in the Lawn Bowls League were played off yesterday, with some very close finishes featuring several of the games.

Craigengower Cricket Club, last year's Senior Champions, scored their second win of the current season at the expense of Kowloon Cricket Club, whom they beat by 10 shots in a First Division game at Happy Valley.

Craigengower won on all three rinks to score the maximum five points.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who were guests of the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley, beat their hosts by four points to one, while Kowloon Docks Club who entertained Club de Recreio "W" at Hunghom, won by four points to one.

The biggest upset in the Second Division was the defeat of Indian Recreation Club, who went down to Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road by four points to one.

Prison Officers Club, who were at home to Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Stanley, had no difficulty in accounting for their guests, winning by four and a half points to half a point.

An exciting finish marked the Third Division game between Club de Recreio and Craigengower at King's Park, the Portuguese winning by one shot.

Thanks to a fine effort by Pearson's rink over that of Goodman's, Kowloon Docks Club beat Police Recreation Club.

LAWN BOWLS RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

CCC	(3) 61	KCC	(0) 51
PRC	(1) 47	KBGC	(2) 72
KDC	(2) 63	Rec "W"	(1) 51

SECOND DIVISION

KCC	(2) 74	IRC	(1) 46
POC	(2½) 63	KBGC	(1½) 51

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio	(2) 53	CCC	(1) 52
KDC	(1) 65	PRC	(2) 60

FIRST DIVISION

CCC—KCC

Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club at Happy Valley yesterday in a First Division Lawn Bowls League match by 10 shots, the final score being 61-51.

The home team won on all rinks, thereby gaining the maximum five points.

CCC		KCC	
G. Hon Choy		V. C. Labrum	
S. L. Leonard		J. Tibbio	
J. W. Leonard		J. Wong	
A. E. Coates (Skip)	22	E. C. Fincher (Skip)	13
F. Lee		C. Thompson	
J. H. Xavier		J. G. Robertson	
A. J. Coelho		W. Butterworth	
E. el Arculli (Skip)	20	W. Hong Sling (Skip)	16
D. A. Rozario		G. R. Rosselet	
G. C. Jorge		D. Rosselet	
G. A. Souza		A. J. Kew	
J. S. Landolt (Skip)	19	J. Orem (Skip)	17
Total	61	Total	51

PRC—KBGC

Playing at home, Police Recreation Club lost to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday in a First Division Lawn Bowls League match by 25 shots, the final score being 72-47.

The home team won on one rink to score one point.

PRC		KBGC	
A. Ross		J. Tindall	
C. File		J. G. Meyer	
F. Channing		E. Greenwood	
W. McHardy (Skip)	9	L. Sykes (Skip)	24
S. Marvin		P. Hughes	
F. Hollands		D. Trail	
C. Dowman		L. Guy	
W. Cameron (Skip)	20	F. E. Skinner (Skip)	14
T. Cavanagh		C. C. Norman	
H. E. Dewar		L. Gaddi	
H. E. Brown		A. Eastman	
W. Millyer (Skip)	16	W. Simpson (Skip)	34
Total	47	Total	72

KDC—Rec "W"

Kowloon Docks beat Club de Recreio "W" in a First Division Lawn Bowls League match at Hunghom yesterday by 12 shots, the final score being 63-51. The home team won on two rinks, scoring four points out of five.

KDC		Recreio	
W. Marshallsay		L. S. Silva	
W. Bayne		J. P. Xavier	
J. Bicker		M. A. Baptista	
W. D. McMaster (Skip)	22	H. A. Ozorio (Skip)	17
R. Courlay		J. F. Silva	
W. Gaffney		H. R. Pinna	
R. Morrison		C. P. Basto	
J. A. Fraser (Skip)	26	C. Roza Pereira (Skip)	13
W. Davidson		P. Costa	
A. Elliott		F. X. Soares	
W. McCall		G. A. Noronha	
J. V. Ramsay (Skip)	13	F. V. V. Ribeiro (Skip)	21
Total	63	Total	51

SECOND DIVISION

KCC—IRC

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Indian Recreation Club in a Second Division Lawn Bowls League match by 20 shots, the final score being 74-45. KCC won on two rinks, scoring four points.

KCC		IRC	
A. Fung		A.M. Kadir	
C.I. Stapleton		J. Ackber	
F. Howarth		I. Ali	
George Lee (Skip)	17	S.M. Rumjahn (Skip)	22
H. Kew		M.Y. Adal	
W.J. Keates		A.B. Kitchell	
C.R. Rosselet		A.K. Omar	
T. Lock (Skip)	35	A.O. Madar (Skip)	8
H. Gittins		S.O. Bux	
L. Bones		A.H. Seemin	
J. Tang		A.R. Razack	
A.E.P. Guest (Skip)	22	A.M. Wahab (Skip)	15
Total	74	Total	45

POC—KBGC

Playing at Stanley yesterday, Prison Officers Club beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a Second Division Lawn Bowls League match by 12 shots the final score being 63-51.

The Prison Officers won on two rinks and drew on one, thus scoring 4½ points to their opponent's half a point.

THIRD DIVISION

Recreio—CCC

At King's Park yesterday, Club de Recreio beat Craigengower Cricket Club in a Third Division Lawn Bowls League match by one shot, the final score being 53-52. The home team won on one rink and drew on two rinks, scoring four points out of five.

Recreio		CCC	
M. Ferreira		C.A. Coelho	
J.A. Victor		A. Ferreira	
A.V. Gosano		H.W. Raddall	
J.J. Basto (Skip)	20	W.C. Ogley (Skip)	20
A.A. Guterres		H. Greenslade	
L.F. Lopes		S.R. Solina	
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C.A. Noronha		H.O. Baker	
M.L. Rozo		P.K. Lau	
L.A. Rosario (Skip)	15	C.W. Lam (Skip)	14
Total	53	Total	52

KDC—PRC

Entertaining Police Recreation Club at Hunghom yesterday in a Third Division Lawn Bowls League match, Kowloon Docks Club beat their guests by five shots, the final score being 65-60.

The home team won on one rink and lost on two, but they won on aggregate, which gave three points.

KDC		PRC	
C.F. Martin		J. Russell	
C. Collins		J. K. Evans	
A. Campbell		C. Pope	
J. Revia (Skip)	17	G. E. Willerton (Skip)	27
W.G. Sirgoach		J. Finney	
R.H. Appleby		W. Senior	
V.H. White		T. Pilkington	
G. Hutchison		T.J. Hemsley	
(Skip)	19	(Skip)	20
W. Riley		R. Wilson	
W.C. Chambers		H. Ashton	
A. Meinties		A. E. Jones	
A.E. Pearson (Skip)	29	J. Goodman (Skip)	11
Total	65	Total	60

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, May 29.

Today's baseball scores were:—

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	2	5	1
Philadelphia	0	5	0
(Winning pitcher Lopat, loser Kellner).			
Detroit (1st game)	11	13	0
St. Louis	2	6	1
(Winning pitcher Newhbuser, loser Fannin. Homers, Kokos and Wertz).			
Cleveland	2	8	0
Chicago	1	7	1
(Winning pitcher, Feller).			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	4	6	0
Cincinnati	9	12	2
(Losing pitcher Hearn. Homers: Musial, Kluszewiki and Marriman).			
Brooklyn	5	11	1
Boston	1	5	4
(Losing pitcher, Sain).			
Chicago	4	9	0
Pittsburgh	0	4	1
(Losing pitcher, Queen. Homer: Smalley).			
Philadelphia	3	5	0
New York	2	10	2
(Losing pitcher Kramer. Homer: Mueller).			

—United Press.

GIRL GUIDES SPORTS MEET:

First Kowloon win Mrs. Dhun Ruttonjee Championship Shield

Chalking up 11 points, First Kowloon won the Ruttonjee Shield at the first Inter-Company Sports Meet of the Kowloon Division of Girl Guides which was held at the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday.

Eighth Kowloon were runners-up with eight points, closely followed by Second Kowloon with seven points.

The Meet, organised by Miss B. E. Moses, Divisional Commissioner for Kowloon, was the first to be held since Kowloon was organised into a Division.

The Championship Shield, which was won by First Kowloon, was donated by Mrs. Dhun Ruttonjee.

At the conclusion of the Meet prizes were distributed by Mrs. D. F. Landale, Colony Commissioner for Girl Guides, who was in turn presented with a bouquet by Miss Carolyn Moses.

Members of the Hong Kong Services Rover Crew, 16th Kowloon Services Rover Crown and Scoutmasters from the 13th Kowloon and 18th Kowloon contributed to the success of the Meet.

Among the local firms which donated prizes were Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., Getz Brothers, Shewan Tomes and Co., Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co., United Agencies, Kowloon Dispensary, Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Kowloon Store and Mr. E. S. Moses.

Results

The following are the results.

50 Yard Dash: 1. Deborah Hurlbatt (1st Kln); 2. Sally Silva (5th Kln); 3. Helen Lane (1st Kln).

Egg and Spoon Race: 1. Shirley Chan (2nd Kln); 2. Wong Bo-chee (8th Kln); 3. Rosa Carvalho (6th Kln).

Three Legged Race (50 yards): 1. Clive Pooling and Kong Lai-yung (3rd Kln); 2. Lam Tse-yat and Lei Wai-tsan (3rd Kln); 3. Helen Lane and Deborah Hurlbatt (1st Kln).

Potato Race: 1. Maunia Bones (1st Kln); 2. Helen Lane (1st Kln); 3. Irene Hurlow (2nd Kln).

Skipping Race (100 yards): 1. Irene Hurlow (2nd Kln); 2. Evelyn Alonco (5th Kln); 3. Ivonne Cook (1st Kln).

Team Race: 1. 8th Kowloon; 2. 3rd Hong Kong; 3. 5th and 6th Kowloon (tie).

Visitors' Race (100 yards): 1. Ho Chung-kin (6th Hong Kong); 2. Ng Siu-hay (6th Hong Kong); 3. Theresa Auyeung (6th Hong Kong) and Ho Chuk-mui (3rd Hong Kong) (tie).

Guiders' Race: 1. Gerry Silva (6th Kln); 2. Wanda Rodrigues (2nd Kln); 3. Marie Figueriedo (District Commissioner, Kln).

Rovers' and Judges' Race: 1. Peter McRae; 2. Bobby Houghton; 3. Jerry Ozorio.

They work all the year at Lord's

By N. W. D. YARDLEY

The sun never sets on cricket in England—at any rate, not at Lord's, where a staff has to be maintained the whole year round by the MCC.

So heavy is the constant flow of inquiries from overseas, and the mass of details of club and county cricket to be sifted, that a secretary, Col. R. S. Rait Kerr, two assistant secretaries and a number of clerks are kept fully employed.

The treasurer is elected from the members (at present Mr. H. S. Altham) and the Club's organisation is completed by Trustees and Committee, the whole under the chairmanship of a President—Sir Pelham Warner was elected on May 3—who will hold office for one year.

Policy is formulated by the entire committee who are helped in their deliberations by various sub-committees.

These sub-committees are responsible for Lord's Cricket Ground, its organisation and maintenance, for arranging the fixtures at Lord's, for the other 110 or so matches which MCC teams play all over Britain, and for visits to such countries as Holland and Denmark.

These sub-committees also engage MCC professionals (and young cricketers whose ambition it is to become professionals. These youngsters start as ground boys and score-card sellers, and are coached as part of their training.

The main committee, apart from their own varied functions, are responsible for confirming resolutions and suggestions put forward from sub-committees and the Advisory County Cricket Committee.

MCC also undertake the administration, selection and finance of any touring side abroad, excluding such sides as the Commonwealth team, which visited India last winter.

An English side going abroad is not labelled "England," but is an MCC side in every way, only assuming the title "England" when engaged in Test matches.

The MCC first undertook to sponsor touring sides in 1903. Up to that time various private parties went abroad, and because of dissension among the counties, the best possible teams could not be taken. The 1903 team to Australia, captained by Pelham Warner, was thus the first official MCC team abroad.

A resolution of the Advisory County Cricket Committee, confirmed by the MCC Committee, states that "At the close of each cricket season the Committee of the MCC shall decide the County Championship." This may not be widely known.

A system of scoring and various regulations have been formulated to assist the committee in this task.

I have never known nor heard of the MCC awarding the County Championship to a team other than that which finished at the top of the County Championship table.

Variety of work

The following are the sub-committees of the MCC who assist the main committee:—

1. Cricket Committee, 2. Selection Committee, 3. Finance and General Purposes, 4. Refreshment, 5. Property and Works, 6. Town Planning, 7. Arts and Library, 8. Tennis and Rackets.

Although each of these is equally important in its own sphere, there is no need for me to deal with any but the Cricket Committee and Selection Committee.

The Cricket Committee consists of 15 members and advises on all matters connected with cricket at Lord's, the laws of the game, and cricket at home and abroad. Although they have power to deal with certain issues they are chiefly an advisory committee to the MCC on purely cricketing matters.

Team choosing

Their chief functions are the election of MCC cricket candidates, itineraries and playing conditions for tours abroad. They further advise the MCC Committee on any changes in the Laws considered necessary or any experimental rules such as those affecting the new ball and declarations which are in force at the moment.

The Selection Committee chooses all MCC teams for tours abroad and matches of major importance at home, such as Gentlemen v. Players, MCC v. touring sides and counties.

This committee works in close co-operation with the Board of Control Selection Committee, who are responsible for selecting Test teams at home.

The functions and authority of this important committee and their relationship with MCC will be discussed next week.

AMOUR DRAKE WINS CORONATION CUP

Epsom, May 26.

Madame Suzy Volterra's, Amour Drake, won the Coronation Cup run over a mile and a half here this afternoon.

Mr. G. Gibson's Iron Duke was second and Mr. J. McLean's Flush Royal third.

Six ran.

The betting was as follows: 15 to 8 against the favourite Amour Drake; nine to two Iron Duke; 13 to two Flush Royal.

Won by five lengths with one length between second and third. —Reuter.

AMATEUR GOLF:

Stranahan three up at 18th hole

St. Andrew's, May 27.

In a slow motion round lasting three and three quarter hours, Frank Stranahan was three up on Dick Chapman at the 18th hole in the All-American final of the British Amateur Golf Championship over 36 holes today.

They took an hour and three quarters to the ninth, where Stranahan was one up, and the snail-like pace in cold, blustery wind and rain, caused frequent comment among the shivering gallery.

Chapman was the chief offender, going into conference with his caddie over every stroke, but despite this deliberation, he made most mistakes with putting lapses and bad pitches.—Reuter.

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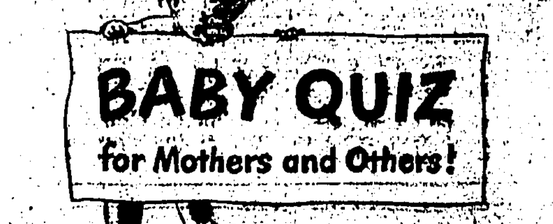
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WHITSUN RACE MEETING, 1st DAY:

SKYMASTER WINS WHITSUN HANDICAP

Once again, Skymaster of the Airview Stables proved its superiority when it won the Whitsun Handicap convincingly from all the topnotchers during the first day of the Whitsun Race Meeting at Happy Valley yesterday.

In winning the race Skymaster, ridden by B. L. Tao, equalled the pre-war record of one minute and 53 seconds set up by Sapper in 1941.

Yesterday's race meet was well attended and punters who delight in backing outsiders were well rewarded.

Dividends were on the high side, with the highest win dividend $131.70 cents, being paid by Diamond Queen, which won the Somerset Handicap.

Incidentally, the highest place dividend $97.40 cents, was paid by Boniface which came third in the same race.

The race meet yesterday was marred by a number of minor accidents, Meteorologist starting the ball rolling by pulling up lame while leading the field in the fifth race. It had to be taken off the course in a truck and trailer.

In the eighth race, Bonnie Eyes unseated its rider, K. F. Chiu, and ran once around the course before starting.

In the following race, several horses crashed the barrier in a false start and the riders of Flying Arrow (V. H. Oliveira) and Thunder Sky (F. Noodt) became unseated.

Riders cautioned

H. C. Woo, the rider of The Hopeful in the fifth race was cautioned by the Stewards for not going up to the starting line with the rest of the field.

K. F. Chiu was also severely cautioned for the way he rode Boom Town in the sixth race.

The combination of A. Ostroumoff and Topper scored its third consecutive win, each win being in different classes.

In the main event of the day, the Whitsun Handicap for Class 1A ponies of previous seasons, the field got off to an almost perfect start.

Egyptian Field, Vagabond King and Ben Wyvis fought for the lead, but after going about 50 yards, Golden Dahlia took over the pace-making, followed by Ben Wyvis and Norse Queen.

Skymaster was content to allow the leaders to fight for the early lead and remained about 10 lengths behind the leaders, closely followed by Bashful Beauty. Panda trailed the field.

Positions maintained

The same positions were maintained up to the Rock and on going downhill, Ben Wyvis rushed to the fore followed by Golden Dahlia and Vagabond King.

Skymaster then began to lengthen its strides and on rounding the bend, passed all but the leader, Ben Wyvis.

For a time Ben Wyvis fought off the challenge, but Skymaster unleashed more speed and romped into the lead to win easily.

Ben Wyvis was a good second, while Egyptian Field came up with a rush along the rails and beat the fast tiring Vagabond King out of the minor position.

The following are the results:

Suffolk Handicap (first section)

Race 1—For Australian Ponies Class 8. To be ridden by Novice Jockeys. Six furlongs.

1, Ballerina; 2, Liberty Diamond; 3, Dusted Straight; 4, Argus II.

Won by: ½ length; 3½ lengths.

Time: 1 min. 21 2/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel: Win: $63.30; Places: $15.00; $9.40; $8.50.

BETTING:—Argus 55, 159 (G.O. Jones), Win 510, Place 682; Ballerina, 145 (T.B. Dan), 1,381, 1,765; Dusted Straight, 141 (J.A. Aucknie), 5,618, 5,121; Fearless Witness, 153 (W.A.N. Darkin), 2,215, 3,210; Good News, 145 (Chanson Feng), 209, 521; Happy Farmers, 142, (H.W. Mok), 1,076, 1,750; Jetfire, 152 (R. Teal), 428, 581; Liberty Diamond, 147 (Chun Kit), 3,177, 4,052; Sharpshooter, 150 (H.K. Chuang), 3,511, 4,219; Small Dragon, 159 (Lam King-tak), 98, 191; Trigger, 142 (K.D. Bunny), 3,401, 2,614. Total Win 23,028, Place 24,708.

Sheffield Handicap (first section)

Race 2—For Australian Ponies Class 5. One mile.

1, Topper; 2, Battlefield; 3, Fiesta; 4, Countess Delight.

Won by: 1 length; 2½ lengths.

Time: 1 min. 46 4/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel: Win: $55.50; Places: $16.20; $14.80; $10.70.

BETTING: Battlefield, 130 (H.R. Holgate), Win 3,161, Place 3,069; Countess Delight, 150 (T.L. Wong), 9,530, 9,701; Fiesta, 149 (A. Ostroumoff), 4,187, 5,200; Good Ship, 154 (C.H. Renfrew), 408, 627; Ingrid, 146 (Chen Foo), 1,668, 1,604; Jeep Bling, 153 (W.N. Thomas), 578, 645; Mastery, 148 (H. Maitland), 5,468, 4,826; Poker Face, 150, (J. Pote-Hunt), 1,427, 2,553; Popularity, 145 (K.F. Chiu), 1,074, 1,028; Priority, 135 (J. Fonseca), 159, 255; Roue D'or, 159 (R.C. Symonds), 135, 210; Topper, 152 (F. Noodt), 2,418, 2,684; Trade Wind, 137 (J.A. Aucknie), 663, 1,514. Total Win 30,750, Place 33,315.

Sussex Handicap

Race 3—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 2. From the 1¼ Mile post (about half a mile 170 yards).

1, Damia; 2, Thunderjet; 3, Ringwood; 4, Strathpeffer.

Won by: 1½ lengths; ½ length.

Time: 1 min. 01.2 secs.

Parti-Mutuel: Win: $28.40; Places: $8.80; $7.30; $8.30.

BETTING: Anna, 159 (H.R. Holgate), Win 2,867, Place 2,001; Ben Cruachan 152 (W.K. Hsu), 616, 858; Colin, 143 (H. Maitland), 1,193, 1,471; Damia, 130 (C.H. Renfrew), 4,886, 4,039; Flag Day, 140 (K.S. Shu), 610, 664; Gladiolus, 145 (Chen Foo), 2,505, 3,037; Good Luck, 142 (H.S. Wood), 468, 584; High Straight, 145 (A. Ostroumoff), 950, 1,261; National Income, 152 (B.L. Tao), 1,193, 1,011; Ringwood, 155 (F. Noodt), 6,039, 4,648; Strathpeffer 150 (K.F. Chiu), 858, 959; Thunderjet, 125 (K. Kwok), 3,440, 6,707; Xerxes, 157 (J. Pote-Hunt), 1,102, 705. Total Win 31,770, Place 28,110.

Whitsun Handicap

Race 4—For Australian Ponies Class 1A. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Skymaster; 2, Ben Wyvis; 3, Egyptian Field; 4, Vagabond King.

Won by: 2½ lengths; 1½ lengths.

Time: 1 min. 53 secs.

Parti-Mutuel: Win: $10.00; Places: $7.30; $16.80; $11.00.

BETTING: Amarant, 135 (W.N. Thomas), Win 626, Place 858; Barbarian, 140 (H.C. Woo), 864, 689; Bashful Beauty, 150 (K. Kwok), 5,631, 4,346; Ben Wyvis, 142 (D. Black), 887, 1,112; Egyptian Field, 138 (F. Noodt), 2,712, 2,171; Golden Dahlia, 140 (Chen Poo), 515, 549; Norse Queen, 135 (K.F. Chiu), 1,752, 1,836; Panda, 137 (H.R. Holgate), 757, 777; Skymaster, 159 (B.L. Tao), 12,055, 5,752; Vagabond King, 135 (A. Ostroumoff), 1,160, 1,351. Total Win 27,610, Place 19,841.

Middlesex Handicap (first section)

Race 5—For Australian Ponies Class 4. From the 1¼ mile post (about ¼ mile 170 yards).

1, Happy Valley; 2, King of Peace; 3, Anyway; 4, Shun Fung.

Won by: 5 lengths; ½ length.

Time: 1 min. 0 4/5 secs.

BETTING: Anyway, 145 (H. Maitland), Win 10,817, Place 7,900; Happy Valley, 145 (B.L. Tao), 1,506, 1,821; King of Peace, 159 (C.H. Renfrew), 1,052, 1,574; Kwong Yiu, 150 (Chen Poo), 1,346, 1,402; Meteorologist, 152 (V.V. Needa), 7,479, 4,025; Penforce, 151 (P.Y. Yong), 744, 1,192; Shun Fung, 149 (K. Kwok), 5,964, 5,082; The Hopeful, 144 (H.C. Woo), 304, 427; Thunderbolt, 154 (T.L. Wong), 1,153, 1,158; Top Hat, 149 (A. Ostroumoff), 4,631, 5,167. Total Win 34,096, Place 30,756.

Sheffield Handicap (second section)

Race 6—For Australian Ponies Class 5. One mile.

1. Shun Lee, 2. Desert Knight. 3. Constant Star, 4. Prince Delight.

Won by 2 lengths: 2½ lengths.

Time: 1 min. 46 4/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel Win: $28.70, Places $11.00, $15.00, $36.00.

BETTING: Avalon, 139 (J.A. Aucknie), Win 928, 884; Bayllght, 146 (R.C. Symonds), 528, 413; Boom Town, 145 (K.F. Chiu), 4,486, 4,819; Cassie, 143 (S.W. Lee), 1,847, 679; Chelsea, 148 (H. Maitland), 5,663, 5,061; Constant Star, 147 (W.N. Thomas), 830, 997; Desert Knight, 140 (A. Ostroumoff), 3,222, 3,055; Justice of Peace, 147 (L.S. Miu), 2,486, 2,737; Lightning, 152 (W.K. Hsu), 2,765, 3,042; National Congress, 145 (P. Young), 170, 275; Nervous Witness, 150 (B.L. Tao), 1,265, 1,319; Prince Delight, 149 (J. Pote-hunt), 5,015, 3,858; Shun Lee, 144 (K. Kwok), 5,142, 5,162. Total Win 33,799, Place 31,884.

Suffolk Handicap (second section)

Race 7—For Australian Ponies Class 8. Six furlongs.

1. Stirling Castle, 2. Mercury, 3. Glacial Lake, 4. Fat Choy.

Won by 1/2 length; 3½ length.

Time: 1min. 20 3/5.

Parti-Mutuel Win: $23.70, Places $9.60, $18.70, $13.90.

BETTING: Barem, 149 (A. Ostroumoff), Win 4,619, Place 4,064; Fat Choy, 145 (Chen Poo), 3,037, 3,328; Flying Wheel, 159 (B.L. Tao), 1,787, 1,788; Glacial Lake, 159 (T.L. Wong), 3,412, 2,783; Happy Boy, 152 (H. Maitland), 10,238, 7,363; Mercury, 159 (K.S. Shu), 2,288, 1,811; Stirling Castle, 146 (W.K. Hsu), 6,150, 5,404; Unicorn, 159 (F. Noodt), 1,824, 1,956. Total Win 33,388, Place 28,831.

Somerset Handicap

Race 8—For Australian Ponies of 1950 Class 3. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 170 yards).

1. Diamond Queen, 2. Ironside, 3. Boniface, 4. Goldfield.

Won by 1½ lengths; 3 lengths.

Time: 2 mins. 0 3/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel Win: $131.70, Places $48.20, $38.80, $97.40.

BETTING: Acquisition, 157 (H. Maitland), Win 4,036, Place 3,487; Apple Pie, 152 (H.C. Woo), 170, 213; Ben Lawers, 159 (W.K. Hsu), 827, 298; Boniface, 145 (K.C. Wong), 219, 394; Bonnie Eyes, 142 (K.F. Chiu), 4,489, 4,430; Diamond Queen, 140 (W.N. Thomas), 1,032, 843; Don Pedro, 142 (A. Ostroumoff), 467, 431; Glamour Butterfly, 145 (Chen Poo), 1,912, 1,513; Goldfield, 145 (W.F.M. Cook), 300, 356; Hoi Wong, 142 (K. Kwok), 2,501, 2,714; Huntmaster, 159 (B.L. Tao), 1,201, 1,232; Ironside, 143 (F. Noodt), 726, 1,077; Prairie Moon, 152 (R.C. Symonds), 4,167, 2,608; Silver Fox, 142 (C.F. Ng), 918, 878; True Love, 142 (H.R. Holgate), 155, 421; Uncle Willie, 142 (Y.K. Tu), 2,958, 2,811; Winged, 152 (T.L. Wong), 2,694, 2,271; Wonderful Coin, 138 (P. Young), 1,740, 1,409; Wonderful Girl, 139 (R.A. Castro), 89, 109. Total Win 40,324, Place 27,971.

Middlesex Handicap (second section)

Race 9—For Australian Ponies Class 4. From the 1¼ mile post (about half a mile 170 yards).

1. Desire, 2. Red Fox, 3. Hong Kong Blutse, 4. Breyisto.

Won by 4 lengths; 3 lengths.

Time: 1 min. 0 4/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel Win: $17.50 Places $7.80, $9.10, $9.40.

BETTING: Autumn Leaf, 150 (B.L. Tao), Win 2,849, Place 2,254; Dervish, 149, (A. Ostroumoff), 1,419, 1,483; Desire, 156 (K. Kwok), 9,151, 6,273; East Point, 147 (C.H. Renfrew), 4,892, 3,209; Flying Arrow, 144 (V.H. Oliveira), 477, 704; Hong Kong Blutse, 152 (H.R. Holgate), 6,001, 5,961; Red Fox, 159 (P.Y. Yong), 4,566, 4,297; Thunder Sky, 135 (F. Noodt), 1,954, 1,821. Total Win 36,786, Place 28,114.

Sheffield Handicap (third section)

Race 10—For Australian Ponies Class 5. One Mile.

1. Treasurer, 2. Flying Jib, 3. Canadian Potato, 4. Windermere.

Won by a head; 3 lengths.

Time: 1 min. 47 2/5 secs.

Parti-Mutuel Win: $42.00, Places $10.60, $12.10, $10.90.

BETTING: Arabian Moon, 146 (K.C. Wong), Win 278, Place 417; Canadian Potato, 146 (W.K. Hsu), 4,444, 5,504; Crown Witness, 155 (T.L. Wong), 216, 219; Dig'empots, 145 (H.R. Holgate), 4,411, 2,787; Flying Jib, 147 (H. Maitland), 4,229, 3,994; Jennifer, 135 (F. Noodt), 7,171, 4,488; National Gift, 152 (B.L. Tao), 4,746, 2,677; Plausibility, 150 (K.F. Chiu), 788, 787; Rasher, 151 (J. Pote-Hunt), 923, 1,068; Ringmer, 146 (T.D. Dan), 702, 911; Tai Tarina, 146 (K. Kwok), 1,890, 1,691; Treasurer, 149 (A. Ostroumoff), 4,464, 4,464; Windermere, 147 (C.H. Renfrew), 1,787, 1,741. Total Win 40,666, Place 34,611.

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Skymaster, which won the Whitsun Handicap yesterday with B. L. Tao up, being led in by Miss Dolly Wong and Mr. Chau. —("China Mail" Photo).

Home cricket:

Somerset stage grand recovery to hold Yorkshire to a draw

London, May 26.

Skilful spin bowling by Eric Hollies played a big part in Warwickshire's fighting win over Sussex, which enabled the Midlands County to consolidate their position at the top of the English Cricket Championship table.

Sussex, 26 runs ahead on the first innings, collapsed in their second and were all out for 97. Hollies took five wickets at eight runs apiece, and had a match analysis of 10 wickets for 96 runs.

The rain-affected wicket played easier when Warwickshire went in, needing 124 runs to win and the runs were knocked off with eight wickets to spare.

Warwickshire, with four wins from six matches, now lead with 48 points. Still sharing second place, 20 points behind, are Northamptonshire, without a match, and Surrey, who ceded first innings points to Leicestershire.

Time was lost in all matches due to rain.

It certainly robbed Yorkshire of full points for when their match ended in a draw the last two Somerset batsmen were at the wicket with Somerset 294 runs in arrears.

Only two hours' play was possible on the final day.

A great effort

Middlesex made a great effort to snatch victory from Derbyshire at Lords, but had to be content with four points for a first innings lead.

Both Yorkshire and Middlesex, joint Champions, have 20 points though Yorkshire have played only three matches so far.

A six wicket stand between Maurice Tremlett and the exiled Yorkshireman, Lawrence rescued Somerset. They defied the Yorkshire attack at Huddersfield for 85 minutes against the turning ball and an aggressive field when all seemed lost.

Bill Edrich declared Middlesex's first innings closed after they had gained the lead. Thanks to some good bowling by 17-year-old Fred Titmus, Derbyshire were all out for 165, leaving Middlesex to make 150 runs in 68 minutes, but with four men falling in 31 minutes for 67 Middlesex gave up the match as a draw.

Results

Today's results were as follows:

At Hove: Warwickshire beat Sussex by eight wickets. Sussex 224 and 97 (Hollies, right-arm slow leg-break, five for 40). Warwickshire 198 and 124 for two (Gardner 52 not out).

At Huddersfield: Yorkshire drew with Somerset, Yorkshire 189 and 322 for two declared. Somerset 73 and 144 for nine (Wardle, left-arm slow bowler, three for 18).

At Lords: Derbyshire drew with Middlesex. Derbyshire 193 and 165 (Hamer 51, Rhodes 75). Middlesex 200 for eight declared (Sharp 57) and 67 for four.

At Romford: Hampshire drew with Essex. Hampshire 306, Essex 289 for nine (Dodds 55, Bailey 79, Peter Smith 69).

At Leicester: Leicestershire drew with Surrey. Surrey 206 and 287 for nine declared (Parker 54, Eric Bedser 97). Leicestershire 343 (Lester, right-arm medium off-spin, six for 78 runs) and 75 for five.—Reuter.

GLAMORGAN SCORE 68 FOR THREE

Cardiff, May 27.

Glamorgan, after winning the toss, had scored 68 for three wickets by lunch on the first day of their match against the touring West Indies cricket team here today.

The teams were: Glamorgan—E. Davies, W. Wooller, D. Parkhouse, E. Jones, M. Robinson, J. Pleass, S. Montgomery, B. Muncer, H. Davies N. Hever and D. Shepherd.

West Indies—J. Stollmeyer, A. Rae, F. Worrell, E. Weekes, C. Walcott, K. Trestrail, G. Gomez, C. Williams, H. Johnson, S. Ramadhin and A. Valentine.

Scores: Glamorgan First Innings.

E. Davies, b Valentine	27
Wooller, c Weekes b Johnson	8
Parkhouse, b Johnson	17
Jones, not out	4
Robinson, not out	5
Extras	7
Total (for three)	68

Wickets fell at 1-17, 2-51 and 3-61.—Reuter.

WHITE SOX MANAGER FIRED

Chicago, May 26.

Jack Onslow was fired tonight as manager of the Chicago White Sox and the club announced that John Corridan will replace Onslow.

The club also announced that Luke Appling, veteran shortstop, had agreed to act as an advisor and coach under the new manager while retaining his status.—United Press.

FRENCH HORSE WINS DERBY; PRINCE SIMON RUNS SECOND

Epsom, May 27.

Galcador won the Derby here today, with Prince Simon second and Double Eclipse third.

The betting was 100 to nine Galcador, two to one favourite Prince Simon and 40 to one Double Eclipse. Galcador won by a head with four lengths between the second and third.

The famous French industrialist Marcel Boussac brought off a notable double by winning the Derby here this afternoon with his colt Galcador. He had won the Oaks earlier in the week with the filly Asmena.

Galcador, ridden by the Australian jockey, Rae Johnstone, who also rode Asmena, won a spectacular race, catching the hot favourite, the American colt Prince Simon, close to home to win by a head with Double Eclipse, stable companion of Prince Simon running into third place, four lengths behind the two to one favourite.

Johnstone has now ridden seven classic winners and his judgment today was faultless. The powerful American colt looked to have the race won when after being in the first three from the start he took the lead at the mile post.

Counted too soon

When Prince Simon swept round Tattenham Corner with a clear lead from L'amiral, the many thousands who had backed the favourite were counting their money.

He looked an assured winner halfway up the straight but Johnstone—they call him the crocodile the way he eats up his rivals—came with one fell swoop to catch the American close to home.

The lovely chestnut son of Djebel out of Pharya responded gamely to the Australian jockey's efforts and ran on strongly to credit Marcel Boussac with his first Derby victory.

William Woodward, noted American owner and banker, who was listening in to the race in New York must have thought he had the Blue Riband of the British turf won at the eleventh time of asking but bravely as the son of Prince Quille struggled, he suffered the same fate as he had done in the Two Thousand Guineas, going under by a few inches.

Double Eclipse, owned by Lady Zia Wernher, ran on strongly to take third place just in front of another French horse, the Telegram. Then came Rising Flame, Castle Rock and Welsh View in that order.

To Marcel Boussac goes not only the honour and glory but a record first prize of over £17,000.

Record crowd

After a wet morning, the race was run in showery weather before the biggest crowd ever, estimated at nearly one million. The King—his hand still bandaged—was present with the Queen and the two Princesses to watch one of the most dramatic finishes in the 171 years running of the race.

Before the race started, the Stewards of the Jockey Club called all the jockeys before them and warned them to keep a straight course with no rough riding. The instructions were translated into French for the benefit of the several French riders in the race.

In recent years no owner has brought off this amazing double. The French have now won three of the four Classics run, the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks and Derby.

After the race, Count de Brigmac, racing manager of Boussac, said: "We had no idea Galcador could get the trip. He has only once run over a mile and a quarter and all his gallops have been over one mile."—Reuter.

HAVE YOU WON?

Cash Sweep

Race 1

	HK$
1st No 3206	3,144
2nd " 1256	899
3rd " 3218	449

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 4252, 4495, 2785, 2319, 929, 3441, 2955, 3248.

Race 2

	HK$
1st No 2049	3,330
2nd " 2910	951
3rd " 2089	476

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 1933, 279, 4597, 3338, 910, 512, 3514, 506, 446, 4100.

Race 3

	HK$
1st No 3006	3,458
2nd " 4016	988
3rd " 4284	494

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 5082, 5063, 5247, 4860, 2941, 2721, 5043, 3528, 1688, 621.

Race 4

	HK$
1st No 503	3,782
2nd " 4533	1,080
3rd " 1779	540

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 1239, 2012, 3912, 5342, 2771, 1136, 4874.

Race 5

	HK$
1st No 1709	3,895
2nd " 3908	1,113
3rd " 1561	555

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 2110, 2010, 1238, 5585, 1790, 2767, 816.

Race 6

	HK$
1st No 2678	3,798
2nd " 3153	1,085
3rd " 4749	543

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 2560, 2809, 1686, 4340, 636, 2278, 4710, 1055, 2008.

Race 7

	HK$
1st No 4191	4,216
2nd " 3257	1,205
3rd " 2530	602

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 2540, 1282, 2877, 322, 6008.

Race 8

	HK$
1st No 3531	3,552
2nd " 2921	1,015
3rd " 501	507

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 2687, 2890, 3269, 765, 4161, 414, 6322, 614, 4727, 3818, 191, 1562, 3339, 6178, 5138, 4928.

Race 9

	HK$
1st No 5015	4,466
2nd " 2468	1,278
3rd " 4782	638

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 1088, 6209, 4327, 1541, 5112.

Race 10

	HK$
1st No 498	7,314
2nd " 6438	2,089
3rd " 7144	1,045

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each): 8727, 8627, 5820, 8659, 9645, 6386, 5318, 6376, 7194, 7680.

First Rugby Union Test match drawn

Dunedin, New Zealand. May 27.

The British Isles touring team gave an excellent display here today and drew the first Rugby Union Test match with New Zealand, each side scoring nine points. The British team led three-nil at half-time.

It was only a late New Zealand rally which earned them a draw, for the British team, playing much better than many thought possible, led by nine points to three until about five minutes from the end.

A crowd of 35,000 in fine but dull weather saw the British team take command straight from the kick-off and a penalty goal by Robins, gave them the lead at the interval.

A try by Jack Kyle, the Queen's University, Belfast, and Irish stand-off half, put them further ahead, but R. A. Roper, the New Zealand centre three-quarter reduced the arrears with a try.

The British team gained a six points lead again when Ken Jones, the Newport and Welsh wing three quarter, scored a try and in a late rally R. W. H. Scott, the New Zealand full back, scored a penalty goal while the New Zealand wing three-quarter captain, B. R. Elvidge, went over for a try to level the score.—Reuter.

EVERYBODY GETS INTO THE SCRAP

The boxing tournament sponsored by the China Physical Culture Association at the South China Athletic Association Stadium at Caroline Hill last night ended in a free-for-all among the spectators.

One person was seriously injured and had to be detained at the Queen Mary Hospital. Two, with less serious injuries, were treated at the Stadium.

The trouble started on the conclusion of the last event, when two spectators, both Shanghai Chinese, walked up to the Referee and accused him of partiality.

An argument immediately started between the Shanghai and Cantonese spectators which ended in blows being struck. The fight lasted about 10 minutes before it was stopped on the arrival of a contingent of the Emergency Unit.

SIAMESE WELTERWEIGHT OUTPOINTED

Melbourne, May 26.

The Siamese welterweight boxing champion, Patta Perk, was out-pointed over 12 rounds here tonight by Jackie Daniels, of Victoria.

At the weigh-in Perk scaled 10 stone 3½ lbs., and Daniels 10 stone 8½ lbs.—Reuter.

Double-punching Johnny is "Mann" to watch

By JIMMY WILDE

One of my greatest joys in over a quarter of a century as a ringside spectator since I retired from active boxing is that from time to time I see a highly-promising youngster at the start of his career.

Through the years I have grown chary of rushing into print with praise for a beginner who has put up a good performance, but I have just seen a lad who with careful handling and attention to good advice will hit the headlines.

His name is Johnny Mann. An 18-year-old lightweight from Birmingham, he has had nearly 30 fights and lost only one of them.

The figures as such do not impress me particularly, formidable though they are, for I know that in the very early stages of his career a potential champion naturally meets opponents whom he outclasses.

But what does impress me is the style with which he is winning.

I saw him in the televised Birmingham programme.

There were other and more important fights on the bill, but I shall long remember the performance of this unknown "preliminary" boy. Viewers did not see his contest, which was a pity.

Beautiful double punch

Mann has a beautiful double punch with his left. Time after time he brought over his right, more often low at a foe's body and then, so quickly that it was almost impossible to see the action, he produced a double left hook, first to the body and then to the chin.

This used to be one of my favourite moves. I think it sent more men down for the count than any other type of attack. And since I retired I have never seen any other boxer come so near perfecting it as young Mann.

So far he has not quite got the timing correct, but this should come with practice and experience. He is still young enough to learn.

If he does learn that secret I predict great things for him.

In any case he has caught the right idea, which is the main essential.

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